

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Municipal run-off elections are on schedule for September 12th, and a fairly new wrinkle in Alabama politics is the on site absentee voting option. It will be held this Saturday, September 2nd. If the last on site absentee election is any measure, the taxpayers are paying dearly for this option. In Elba, only two absentee voters turned out all day long! Similar results have been noticed in county and state wide elections. There was a big clamor for "voter rights" which got this law passed, but folks "it ain't being used" but is costing taxpayers a bundle of money that could be used for a lot of other things.

There are going to be new faces on the Elba City Council beginning in October. Just how many new faces is up to the Elba voters in districts three, four and five. It is known that Districts #1 and #2 will be represented by new faces, and the options are open in all of the other three council districts. In fact, only one city council incumbent led his respective race in the first primary.

Last week we mentioned about a long time friend dying in North Alabama. Well Saturday morning we came into the office to find a message telling us that the teenage son of a friend in Tuscaloosa had died unexpectedly in his sleep several days ago. The son had finished high school in May and was already enrolled in college. None of us is ever ready to give up loved ones but can only partially imagine the horror suffering of a person who has to give up one of their children. It is always assumed that the child will bury the parent and there is a lot of pain associated with this, but it is obviously almost beyond human endurance to give up a child. Those of us who haven't experienced such a loss probably don't really grasp or understand what goes on in the mind and heart of parents who have to bury their child. The best these heartbroken mothers and daddies can ever expect is to learn how to live with the everyday pain for the rest of their lives. Ideally, all of these parents eventually come to accept that God had a better plan for their child.

All the forest fires out West are destroying many, many thousands of trees. The folks in charge are talking of weeks and months of work before the fires are out. This means many, many more trees, barns and homes will burn this year. It is a good idea that Army and Marine troops are jumping in to help in the effort to put out the devastating fires. We are, however, concerned that it is taking a couple of weeks to get the troops from their base to the fire scenes. Modern armies are supposed to be able to move on a moments notice, but then understanding the fighting of big fires and moving military units around the world are not two of the things on our experience resume.

Last week we received a copy of an e-mail letter to our congressional delegation in Washington. It was urging them to remember our levee needs. We are thankful for this letter being sent and hope others out there are flooding (note our word flooding - it fits this project perfectly) Washington with reminders of our needs. . . . and the Washington crowds repeated promises of federal help.

Interested citizens need to remember the public hearing the Alabama Highway Department is planning for September 14th at the Elba High School. It deals with the proposed 4-laning of U. S. 84. The main thrust of this informal hearing will be a stretch of Highway 84 West of Elba from Curtis to Covington County Road 30. Contrary to previous reports, the sections of the route in and around Elba are not officially part of this hearing. It will not hurt to go anyway and ask whatever question is on your mind. They can either answer your questions or say they don't know . . . either way those folks will not bite you we promise!

Sam the dogcatcher is retiring Thursday afternoon. His policemen friends are bidding him farewell at the police department about two or three in the afternoon. It will be alright if local citizens drop in the police station during this time also.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

Prescription drugs available free or at a low cost

Is your medication too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new booklet might help. The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, DC has just published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised fourth edition booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. "Many major drug companies provide free or low cost medication, but rarely, if ever publicize the programs," said Gary Nave, director of the institute. "We've published an A to Z listing of all the drugs that are available to certain qualified groups for free or at very low cost directly from the manufacturer."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Booklet # PD-370, P.O. Box 210, Dallas, PA 18612-0210. Consumers can also get more information from The Institute's Internet web site: www.institutecdc.org.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 21, 2000, investigated the following incidents: two burglaries, five thefts, pedestrian under the influence of alcohol, one public intoxication, three harassments, one recovery of stolen property, one DUI, one assault, and one death investigation.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear, one for pedestrian under the influence of alcohol, one for public intoxication, two for harassment, one of contempt of court, and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eleven for speeding, two for driving while driver's license are revoked, nine for violation of seat belt law, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, four for driving while driver's license are suspended, one for an expired tag, one for reckless driving, one for switched tag, one for no driver's license, two for not having driver's license in possession, and one for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, AUGUST 21 - River stage - 1.83 (6:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Taylor Mill Road (6:58 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Larkin Road (8:43 a.m.); Disturbance reported at a residence on Co. Rd. 410 (10:22 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 - Fight reported at the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and Lee Street (2:53 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to woods fire on AL Hwy. 141 (3:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the fire on AL Hwy. 141 (3:33 a.m.); River stage - 1.97 (6:25 a.m.); Wreck reported on North Claxton Avenue (8:07 a.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 289 (6:28 a.m.); River stage - 1.94 feet (6:33 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a dumpster fire on AL Hwy. 203 (by-pass) (6:38 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire on AL Hwy. 141 (4:01 p.m.); Alarm at

Have A Safe & Happy Holiday

BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Court house: 4th Tues. 12:30-1 p.m. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.
• **ROTA CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon: First Free Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday: 6 p.m. City Hall.
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday: 6 p.m. City Hall.
• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 8:30 p.m. Supt. Office.
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month: 7 p.m.
• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House.
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Intn. Enterprise.
• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesdays at noon. City Hall Conference Room.
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar.
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria.
• **ZION CHAPEL FIRE DEPT.** watch is Park Thursday night - 7:00 p.m. of each month at the ZC Fire Department.
• **WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE 1922** - 4th Thursday night of each month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 W. Simmons Street, Elba.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 21, 2000 through August 27, 2000. They were: Jundarius Reed, Smith Marshall, Virginia Grantham, Mary Mack, Joe Prescott, Mary Bryan, Petty Lee Wambles, Reda Jackson, W. B. Baldwin, Michael New, Oris Arrington, Dorothy Williams, David Stinson, Katie Moore, Murray Barnes, Carolyn Caldwell, Betty Spurlin, Don Boethe, Regina Williams, Tammy Key, Margaret Hussey, and Mildred Island.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Linda Odum, Lucille Boswell, Smith Marshall, Joe Mitchell, Marcia Lewis, Stephanie Lewis, Mary Lou Smith, Jundarius Reed, Nicholas Barlow, Virginia Grantham, Petty Lee Wambles, Reda Jackson, Joe Prescott, Mary Mack, Mary Bryan, W. B. Baldwin, Michael New, Murray Barnes, Carolyn Caldwell, Betty Spurlin, Don Boethe, Regina Williams, Tammy Key, Margaret Hussey, and Mildred Island.

Coffee County Schools Menu

Sept. 4 - 8, 2000

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Labor Day Holiday Tuesday - Biscuits, Sausage, Patty, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk Wednesday - Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk Thursday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk Friday - Cereal Bar, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Labor Day Holiday Tuesday - Steak Nuggets, Hot Dog, French Fries, English Peas, Fruit Rolls, Milk Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Buns, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Rolls, Milk Thursday - Turkey Sandwich, Fish Sandwich, Black-eyed Peas, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Juice, Milk Friday - Sloppy Joes, Chicken Salad/Pita Bread, Butterbeans, Corn on the Cob, Fruit, Milk

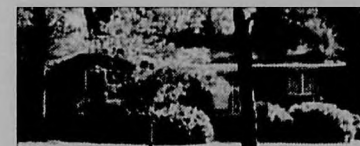
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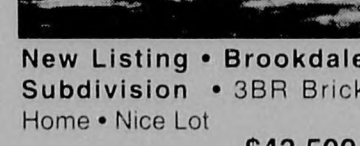
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New Listing • Hwy. 84 E • 3BR - 2 Bath Brick Home with Basement \$68,900



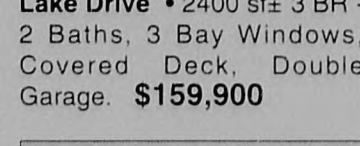
Country Home • Located on Co. Rd. 618 just 10 miles from Enterprise 22 AC± Fenced pasture land w/2 small ponds • 1,890 Sq. Ft. farm house • Vinyl siding • Metal roof • 1,100 sq ft wrap-around porch • Only 2 yrs. old • Also 30X40 Shop bldg. & 50X60 barn \$129,900



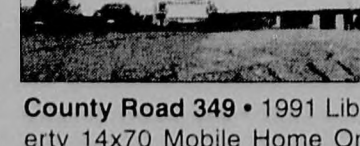
New Listing • Brookdale Subdivision • 3BR Brick Home • Nice Lot \$43,500



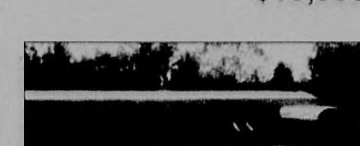
Executive Home on Forest Lake Drive • 2400 sq. ft. 3 BR - 2 Baths, 3 Bay Windows, Covered Deck, Double Garage. \$159,900



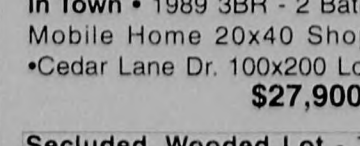
County Road 349 • 1991 Liberty 14x70 Mobile Home On 1/2 Acre Lot • 1 Bath \$19,500



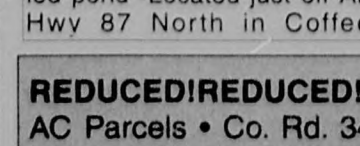
In-Town • 1989 3BR - 2 Bath Mobile Home 20x40 Shop • Cedar Lane Dr. 100x200 Lot \$27,900



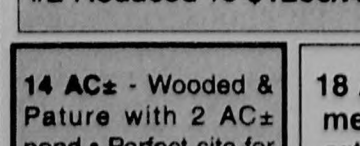
Secluded, Wooded Lot • 7 acres • with 3/4 AC spring fed pond • Located just off AL Hwy 87 North in Coffee



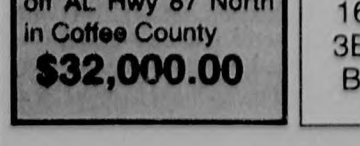
Great Weekend Getaway - Perfect For Fishing & Boating • 250 ft lot • 1975 Mobile Home • 2BR, 1 Bath • Access to Boat Ramp & Pier. \$22,900



Reduced! Reduced! • Two 12-AC Parcels • Co. Rd. 349 • Parcel #1 Reduced To \$1250/AC • Parcel #2 Reduced To \$1200/AC



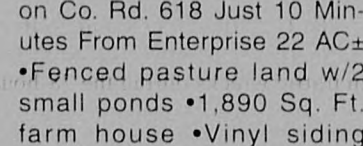
Lot At Gantt Lake • 18 AC± • Wooded & Pature with 2 AC± pond • Perfect site for a cabin • Located just off AL Hwy 87 North in Coffee County \$32,000.00



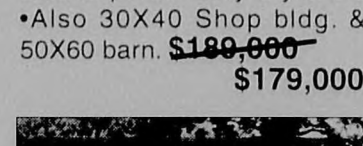
Must See! Land For Sale • 40AC± • (35 AC Planted In Pines) In Wilkenstown Area



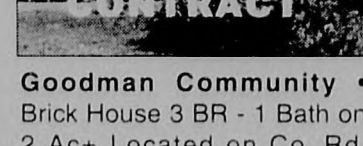
New Listing • 1035 N. Claxton Ave. • Brick, ranch style home in prime location, near doctors, dentists & hospital • 3BR - Den - 2 Bath - LR - DR • Ceiling fans in all bedrooms & den • Covered brick patio, garage vented for heating & cooling • All electric, range & Whirlpool side-by-side refrigerator/freezer (1 Year Old), Amana 4-Ton central heating & cooling unit • New hot water heater • All mini blinds included • Lot size 125x200 with privacy fence • Large storage building • Workshop w/ open carport 25x12 • Also small storage bld. with open covered storage. \$76,500



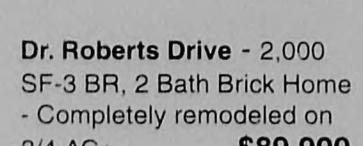
Goodman Community • Brick House 3 BR - 1 Bath on 2 AC± Located on Co. Rd. 606. \$44,900



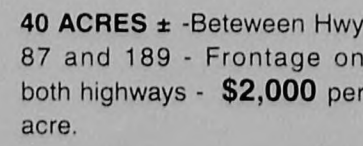
Dr. Roberts Drive • 2,000 SF-3 BR, 2 Bath Brick Home - Completely remodeled on 3/4 Acre \$89,900



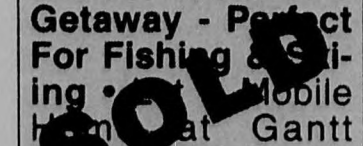
New Listing • Brantley Hwy. • Inside City Limits • 13 Acres ± and Brick Home 1564 S.F. \$58,900



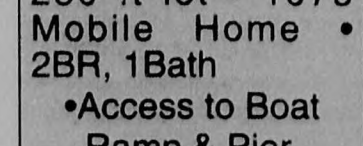
1133 Neil Grantham Dr. • 3BR - 1 Bath • Alum. Siding • Nice Starter or Retirement Home \$34,900



Saddle Hill Community • 10.59 Acres w/2.792 Sq. Ft. Home • Partially Renovate • Double Wide Mobile Home



Rental House • 3 BR - 1 Bath \$25,000



New Listing • 2 Building Lots On Taylor Mill Rd., Past County Lake, Approximately 370'X150' \$15,000 each

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Cox:

My mother told me you had asked about my experience in receiving this summer, so I was delighted to respond, but forgive me if I rambled!

I worked for Congressman Sonny Calhoun (R) for one month at the beginning of the summer. I did a lot of "hard" work, like answer the phones and stuff envelopes. Eventually the other interns and I were asked to do more complicated tasks. I also gave tours of the Capitol. The most exciting task I had was assisting in writing a speech that the Congressman gave on the floor of the House of Representatives. The speech made fun of the big deal media made over Microsoft and their control over the computer industry. In the speech, we made fun of Microsoft by replacing every mention of them with "Krispy Kreme Doughnuts." It was a humorous speech that received good reviews, including several boxes of doughnuts from Krispy Kreme.

I also appeared on CNN's "Burden of Proof" with host Gretta Von Susteren. The topics of the hour were Microsoft and a prayer ban that had taken place at a Texas high school football game. I was one of six panelists but unfortunately I wasn't allowed to speak.

The next month I worked for Senator Richard Shelby (R). The tasks were basically the same except I also helped design web pages for the internet and research in the Library of Congress.

This summer was such a wonderful experience for me and I plan to go back to work there after I graduate.

Oh, and by the way, CONGRATULATIONS, GRANDDAD! I know you're so proud! If you ever need help writing for the paper, let me know. I would be more than happy to help. After all, I am a journalism major! Sincerely, Bonnie L. Vaughan

Dear Editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that MacArthur State Technical College and Elba City Schools have formed a partnership for offering Continuing Education classes. Due to a large number of requests, we will be offering a series of computer classes at the Elba High School campus.

The first course that we will offer is a beginner PC Applications course. This course is designed for first-time computer users who would like to learn how to use their computer without having to learn all the inside components that make the computer work. The course will cover an introduction to Windows 98, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook. The course will begin with the basic fundamentals of how to properly turn the system on and off and continues with how to use the Windows applications.

This course will be taught on Monday nights from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for twelve weeks starting Sept. 11. Registration for the course will be on Sept. 7 at 5:30 in the Elba High School cafeteria. If you or someone you know are interested in the course please meet with us on Sept. 7.

We are very excited about offering these courses in a more convenient location for you. If you have any questions about this or other classes, please contact Terry Spicer at 334-493-3573 ext. 246. Sincerely, Terry D. Spicer, Director

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Alabama State Troopers predict 11 people will die during holiday

The Labor Day holiday marks the last warm-weather holiday travel period of the year, and state troopers expect traffic to be heavy. They urge all motorists to drive with caution, using safety belts, securing children in child safety seats and obeying speed limits and all traffic laws.

During the holiday travel period, state troopers, sheriffs and police departments statewide will emphasize enforcement of the state's safety belt and child restraint laws during patrols and checkpoints.

Gov. Don Siegelman urged all motorists to drive with caution on Alabama's busy roadways during the long Labor Day weekend.

"During this holiday weekend and always, I ask all Alabamians to buckle up and drive safely," Siegelman said. "For the safety of our citizens, I advise motorists to drive carefully, to use safety belts and to make sure children are properly secured in safety belts."

Col. James Alexander, director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety, said that troopers hope to encourage safe travel and increase safety belt use during the holiday period through strict enforcement of the state's safety belt and child restraint laws.

Federal overtime grants aimed at speed limit, DUI, safety belt and child restraint enforcement will allow an increase in trooper presence throughout the holiday period. Aerial speed enforcement also is planned as part of troopers' speed enforcement activity in selected areas.

The Department of Public Safety estimates 11 people will be killed in traffic wrecks during the 78-hour Labor Day travel period that begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, and ends at midnight Monday, Sept. 4. In 1999, nine people died as a result of traffic wrecks during the 78-hour Labor Day holiday period, six on highways and three in urban areas. At least two of the deaths were alcohol related. Five of the wreck victims were not using safety belts.

Alabama's safety belt law requires front seat occupants to buckle up. The state's child restraint law requires an approved child safety seat for child passengers through age three in front and back seats; a child safety seat or regular safety belt is required for four- and five-year-olds.

Troopers will concentrate patrols on heavily traveled vacation and beach routes, including interstate highways and U.S. 231 and 331 south of Montgomery, in an effort to reduce speeding and aggressive driving.

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ELBA VOTERS of District 5 Thank you for your support at the polls last Tuesday!

Please remember, the job is only half completed and I need your support again on September 12th.

Bob Hahn

Pd Pol Ad by Bob Hahn, 126 Taylor Ave, Elba, AL 36323

AREA DEATHS

MINNIE LEE GALIMORE - Mrs. Minnie Lee Galimore, age 84, of 1456 Smith Ave., Elba, Ala., died Aug. 22, 2000 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Aug. 24, 2000 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne Webber and Rev. Bruce Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters: Winnie Faye Willis, Pace, Fla.; Janice Marie Clifton, Prater, Ala.; one son: James Lawayne Galimore, Elba; one brother: Randolph Beck, Elba; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

GRACE B. ARCHIE - Grace B. Archie, age 72, of Phenix City, Ala., died recently at Phenix Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Archie was born Aug. 24, 1927 in Coffee County, daughter of Alton and Vera Lee Brown.

Funeral services were held at Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Cecil R. Scott Sr. officiating. Interment was held at New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery in the Curtis Community of Elba.

Mrs. Archie was preceded in death by her son, Arnold Ray Archie.

Survivors include her husband: William Ray Archie, Phenix City; six daughters: Brenda Densel, Jan McDonald, Cathy Henderson and Linda Hall, all of Phenix City; Cheryl Allen, Smiths, Ala.; Glenda Fulford, Atlanta, Ga.; three sons: William Archie, Craig Archie and Chris Archie, all of Phenix City; five sisters: Louise Batchelor, Goodman, Ala.; Betty Woods, New Brockton; Jane Hodge, Elba; Nan Calhoun, Pensacola, Fla.; Patti Adkins, Phenix City, Ala.; one brother: Jerry Brown, Panama City, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

BILLY ERVIN KELLEY - Mr. Billy Ervin Kelley, age 60, of 494 County Road 528, Elba, Ala., died Aug. 26, 2000 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Aug. 28, 2000 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Billy Sunday, Rev. Bobby Driver and Rev. William Frank officiating. Burial followed in the Damascus Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Sue Kelley, Elba; two sons and daughters-in-law: Troy Ervin and April Thomas Kelley, Elba; Christopher Don and Nenia Kelley, New Brockton; one brother: Levi Newton Kelley, New Brockton; and five grandchildren: Jonathan Kelley, Sarah Reagan Kelley and Clayton

Leiland Floyd, Elba; one son:

MYRTLE C. FLOYD - Mrs. Myrtle C. Floyd, age 70, of 14268 Hwy. 84, Elba, Ala., died Aug. 24, 2000 at Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held Aug. 26, 2000 at Fairview Baptist Church with Carol Warden officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery with Wyatt Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Leiland Floyd, Elba; one son:

COX FAMILY - We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the food, cards, flowers, prayers and words of sympathy expressed to us following the death of our loved one, Charles Daniel Cox, THE COX FAMILY

FLOYD FAMILY - The family of Myrtle Floyd wish to thank each and everyone for their kindness of love during the loss of our loved one. Thanks for the food and flowers. May God's richest blessings be on each and every one. Thank you all. The Floyd Family

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Kelley, all of Elba; Brigitte Kelley and Glenn Kelley, both of New Brockton.

ELIZABETH RAMONA PACE - Elizabeth Ramona Pace, age 4, of Oxford, Miss., died Aug. 24, 2000 at Baptist Memorial ER in Oxford.

Funeral services were held Aug. 27, 2000 from the Chapel of Wyatt Funeral Home in Opp, Ala. with Leon Adams officiating. Burial followed in the Victoria Cemetery of Elba with Wyatt Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her parents: Patrick and Ramona King Pace, Oxford, Miss.; her maternal grandparents: George and Kathy King, Opp, Ala.; her paternal grandparents: Hobert and Geneva Pace, Hollywood, Ala.; two aunts and uncles: Ellen and Cheryl King, Opp, and John and Rita Selvaige, Scottsboro, Ala.

JIMMIE LYNN HAMILTON JR. - Mr. Jimmie Lynn Hamilton Jr., age 43, of 871 Cedar Lane Drive, Elba, Ala., died Aug. 26, 2000 at his residence.

Mrs. Hamilton was a resident of Elba for eight years and a prior resident of Lexington, S.C.

Funeral services were held Aug. 30, 2000 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Pastor Terry Davis officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Karen Darlene Wanda Hamilton, Elba; his parents: Jimmie Lynn Hamilton Sr. and Patricia Hamilton, Columbia, S.C.; one stepson: Andrew David Wood, Elba; two brothers: Rev. John Hamilton, Hartsville, S.C.; Daniel Hamilton, Columbia, S.C.; two sisters: Kelly Hamilton and Holly Benefield, both of Columbia, S.C.

VERA CROCKER BRYAN - Mrs. Vera Crocker Bryan, age 92, of 987 Drayton Ave., Elba, Ala., died Aug. 29, 2000 at the Elba Nursing Home.

LIFESTYLES

Rowland—Strong wedding held at Elba First Baptist Church on June 24th

Miss Emily Warr Strong and Mr. Christopher Beau Rowland were united in marriage on June 24, 2000, at six o'clock in the evening at the First Baptist Church of Elba. Rev. William Martin Gray Jr. officiated at the candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth DuPont Strong of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Milton Warr of Elba, Dr. and Mrs. William DuPont Strong of Enterprise and the late Mrs. Dorothy Lammus Strong of Elba.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall Rowland Jr. of Orlando, Fla. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Orie Simmons of Savannah, Ga. and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall Rowland Sr. of Orlando, Fla.

Swags of greenery tied with white satin bows decorated the outside doors of the church. A stylized arrangement of lilies sat on the credenza in the vestibule and was reflected in the mirror as guests entered the church. Greeting the guests were Miss Amy Baker of Elba and Mrs. Amy Robbins Valerio of Dunwoody, Ga., both friends of the bride. Attending the registry tables were Mrs. Ashley Matthews Lunsford of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Lane Adair Matthews of Burnett, Texas, both cousins of the bride. Miss Gina Suzanne Bedsole of Atlanta, Ga., friend of the bride, also served as a wedding attendant.

In the sanctuary, the altar was decorated with a vibrant variety of flowers including Casablanca and Star Gazers Lilies, purple larkspur, pink snapdragons and viburnum. Brass candelabra accented with majestic palms added a touch of glamour to the altar. Family pews were marked with complementary arrangements of flowers, greenery and satin ribbon.

A pre-nuptial program of sacred music was presented by Mrs. Melanie Roberson, organist, Mrs. Ella Kate Ham, pianist, and Mr. Butch Oges, vocalist.

The bride wore a white tulle gown with a hand-beaded train and a hand-beaded sash. She carried the white Bible that her mother had carried at her wedding topped with a cascading bouquet of white Dendrobium Orchids and white lilies accented with Virginia roses. Family tradition was continued as the bride carried her great-grandmother Warr's handkerchief tucked into her bridal bouquet.

Attending the bride as maids of honor were her sisters, Elena Ann Strong of Birmingham, Ala., and Elizabeth Strong of Elba. Bridesmaids were Cary Lynn Burns, Pensacola, Fla.; Caroline Elizabeth Campbell, Atlanta, Ga.; Catherine Ann Christensen, Orlando, Fla.; Catherine Carey DeDeyn, Atlanta, Ga.; Meghan Blair Fleck, Car-



Mrs. Christopher Beau Rowland

roline, Ga.; Amy Janet King, cousin of the bride, Orlando, Fla.; and Taje Marie Williams, Columbia, S.C. Their sleeveless gowns of cloud blue matte satin featured a boat neckline, dropped waist and a full length straight skirt. Attendants carried cascading bouquets of yellow freesia, white Dendrobium orchids, Asiatic and Star Gazers Lilies and blue delphinium.

Flower girls were Miss Elizabeth Chandler Smith of Birmingham, Ala., cousin of the bride, and Rowan Eden Munkberg of Orlando, Fla., niece of the groom. Their white tea length dresses of imported Swiss batiste were edged in ecru French lace and satin ribbon. The dresses were accented with full skirts of puffing strips and hands of lace and inset with tulle. The bridesmaids wore halos of baby's breath and greenery and carried matching nosegays.

The groom was attended by Mr. Joseph August Fisher III of San Francisco, Calif., and Mr. James Matthew Campbell of Atlanta, Ga., as best men. Groomsmen were David Jefferson Davis, Winter Park, Fla.; Brian Edward Dinklage, Orlando, Fla.; Roddy Bisgaard Lanigan, Cambridge, England; Thomas Scott Miller, Orlando, Fla.; William Marshall Rowland III, brother of the groom, Orlando, Fla.; Dennis Richard Self Jr., brother-in-law of the groom, Charlotte, N.C.; William Walter Wolfe III, cousin of the groom, Savannah, Ga.

The ring bearer was Master Dennis Richard Self III, Charlotte, N.C., nephew of the groom. Complementing the flower girls' dresses, the heirloom white Swiss batiste pillow he carried was handmade and embroidered by the bride's mother.

The wedding was directed by

Kilcrease and Wambles exchange vows

Ashley Amanda Wambles and Steven Michael Kilcrease were united in marriage at 4 p.m. on July 29, 2000 at Salem Baptist Church in Brundidge. The wedding was performed by Rev. Mac Moore.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wambles of Troy. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kilcrease of Troy.

Mr. Doug Wambles, organist and uncle of the bride, provided music for the ceremony. Miss Jana Grace, sorority sister of the bride, played the violin and Mr. Jason Grace accompanied her on the piano for a musical special. Mrs. Debbie Alfred provided soloist vocals during the ceremony. Mr. Grace also sang a duet with Mrs. Alfred.

Miss Wambles was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white gown of Italian Satin, fitted at the waist with a scoop neckline. The bodice and hem of the gown were adorned with seed pearls. Covered buttons adorned the gown from a scoop back to the end of the flowing train. Ashley wore a tiara with a fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies.

Mrs. Heather Senn Cobb of Troy, cousin of the bride, was the Maid of Honor. Other attendants were: Miss Christy Davis, cousin of the groom; Miss Lauren Davis, Miss Erica Dunn, Miss Lisa Hartman, all of Troy; Miss Amy Rachel of Montgomery; and Mrs. Andrea Alberson of Dothan. Miss Carter Senn, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Mr. Mike Kilcrease, father of the groom, was the best man. Other groomsmen were Mr. Adam Kilcrease, brother of the groom; Mr. Josh Wambles, brother of the bride; Mr. Chuck Dunn, Mr. Regal Hamm, Mr. Jason Jones, Mr. Brad Ward, Mr. Todd Messick, all of Troy; and Mr. Charlie Sanders of Rooden. Master Kyle Bridges, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer.

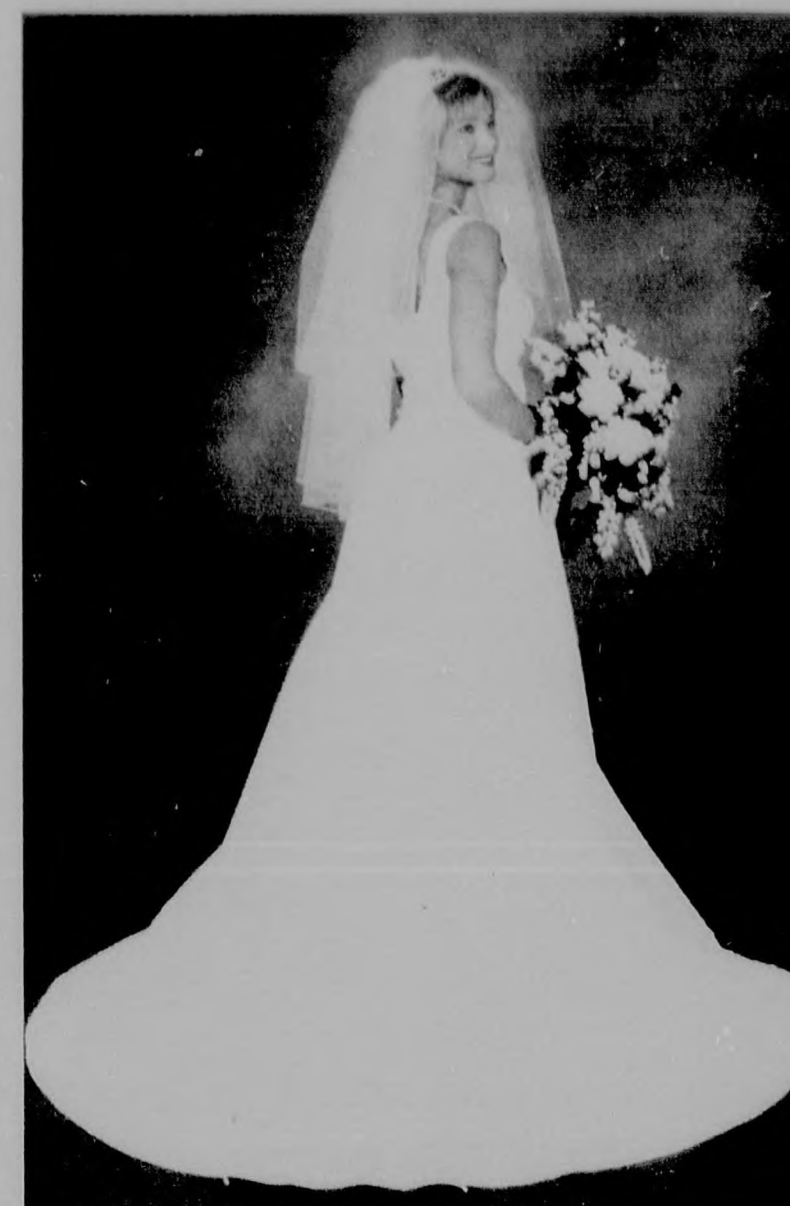
Following the ceremony, the parents of the bride entertained with a reception at the Emporium in Troy. After a wedding trip to Cancun, the couple will reside in Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kilcrease entertained with an after reception party at Mossy Grove Schoolhouse Restaurant.

Now employed with the Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham, she works in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She is the granddaughter of Betty H. Ham of Huntsville and the late Johnny and Louise (Jackson) Ward of Elba.

The groom, his attendants, and out of town friends were honored with a traditional Southern luncheon the day of the wedding at the home of Mrs. Nadine Scarborough. Assisting her were Mrs. Pam Baker, Mrs. Harriette Boyd, Mrs. Beth Dubose, Mrs. Lucia Grantham, Mrs. Jean Helms, Mrs. Mary Holley, Mrs. Debbie Joad, Mrs. Kathy Smith, Mrs. Sara Smith, Mrs. Allona Vaughan and Mrs. Candace Vaughan.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul King, aunt and uncle of the bride, served a light buffet to the wedding party in the fellowship hall before the wedding.



Mrs. Steven Michael Kilcrease

Shea Ward graduates Magna Cum Laude from AU

Shea Ward, daughter of Robert and Sharon Ward of Elba, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Auburn University on June 10 with a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Senior Scholarship Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing, and Golden Key Honor Society. She received the AUI School of Nursing Faculty Award for Academic Excellence. She graduated with a 3.92 GPA in the School of Nursing.

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Shea Ward



Miss Cazenavette & Mr. Glover

Cazenavette-Glover wedding planned for November 18th

Patricia and Paul Cazenavette of Walnut Hill, Fla. announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Ann Cazenavette, to Brian William Glover, son of Bob and Penny Glover of Elba.

Miss Cazenavette recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in education with an emphasis in elementary education. She has begun her teaching career in Temple, Ga.

Mr. Glover is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School. He is also a 2000 graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in education with an emphasis in health promotion. He will be seeking employment in the Atlanta area.

The wedding will be held on Nov. 18, 2000 in Pensacola, Fla.

Computers For Seniors- a special interest class being offered at ESJC

Computers For Seniors is a special interest class to be held at Enterprise State Junior College in a second session this fall semester. It is designed for older adults who want to be computer literate.

Participants will learn to efficiently use a computer keyboard, how to use a word processing program, how to create a data base,

and how to understand the use of spreadsheets. They should bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. There is a \$30.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is September 25. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, October 2 * 11, 2:00 * 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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Miss Smith & Mr. Cain plan September wedding



Miss Smith & Mr. Cain



Pictured above are (l to r): Mrs. Rita Barefoot and Mrs. Ollie Farris, grandmothers of the bride-elect; Mrs. Beth Dubose, mother of the bride-elect; Miss Heather DuBose, bride-elect; Mrs. Pam Smith, mother of the future groom; Mrs. Martha Jean Davis and Mrs. Audrey Smith, grandmothers of the future groom.

Miss Heather DuBose honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Miss Heather DuBose, bride-elect of Mr. Dusty Smith, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower on Sunday afternoon, July 23, at the Elba Public Library.

The double front doors of the library were festive and artfully decorated with white wicker wedding bells tied with mint green ribbons.

The guests were greeted by Heather, her mother, Ms. Beth Dubose, and mother of the future groom, Mrs. Pam Smith. Also in attendance to honor the future bride on this special occasion were her grandmothers, Mrs. Ollie Farris, Mrs. Rita Barefoot and Mrs. Una V. Dubose, and grandmothers of the future groom, Mrs. Martha Jean Davis and Mrs. Audrey Smith.

Miss Brandie Mann and Miss Kristen Dubois, friends of the

bride, registered the many friends and family members who attended this delightful event. The registry table was accented by a miniature toponym covered in white lace.

The refreshment table was adorned with a white battenburg cloth. Crystal appointments held the tasty party dainties that were enjoyed by the guests.

Hostesses for this occasion were: Mrs. Joan Ward, Mrs. Kay Whitworth, Mrs. Janice Strickland, Mrs. Janice McCall, Mrs. Lucia Grantham, Mrs. Henrietta Taylor, Mrs. Debbie Brown, Mrs. Jackie Prescott, Mrs. Pam Baker, Mrs. Julie Parrish, Mrs. June Grantham, Mrs. Chris Sutley, Mrs. Henrietta Grimes, Mrs. Diane English, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, Ms. Sue Bogan, Mrs. Nancy Crowe, Mrs. Faye Kyle, Mrs. Rhonda Stephens, Mrs.

Allona Vaughan, Mrs. Betty Brunson, Mrs. Frances Jacobs, Mrs. Shirley Henderson, Mrs. Sara Strong and Mrs. Elizabeth Dyess.



Mr. Glover & Miss Verigood

Miss Verigood to wed Mr. Glover September 16th

Stan and LaLonne Verigood announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn Verigood, to Richard Wayne Glover, son of Bob and Penny Glover of Elba.

The bride-elect's parents reside in Alliquippa, Pa. and Middletown, Ohio respectively. Her grandparents are C.R. and Nacy Shade and Helen Verigood.

She is a 1999 graduate of the University of Montevallo where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

The future groom is the grandson of H.E. Schwartz Jr. and Mae Glover.

He is a 1995 graduate of Elba High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Montevallo with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Both Amy and Richard are employed in the business office of a large Nashville hotel.

The wedding will be held on Sept. 16, 2000 at Lakewood Baptist Church in Donelson, Tenn.

New date set for annual Lee Reunion

The annual Lee Reunion has been changed from the 1st Sunday in September to the 2nd Sunday in October. The Reunion will be held at the Elba Masonic Lodge, Sunday, October 8, 2000.

New Arrival

ANNA ISABELLA JACKSON



Anna Isabella Jackson

Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Jackson announce the birth of a baby girl on Wednesday, August 16, 2000 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. Anna Isabella weighed 6 lbs., 7 ozs. and was welcomed home by her two brothers, Timothy and Michael.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan of Luverne and Glenwood. Great grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. Forest Jackson, also of Glenwood.



Miss Gilmore & Mr. Owens

Gilmore-Owens wedding planned for October 7th

Mr. Jack S. Gilmore of Milton, Fla. announces the forthcoming marriage of his daughter, Amanda Camille, to Kenneth Gary Owens, son of Marlene Owens and the late Billy Paul Owens of Elba.

Amanda is the granddaughter of Willa Gilmore and the late S.M. Gilmore of Chancellorsville, Ala. and the late William Allen and Elzie Phillips of Samson, Ala.

She is a graduate of Central High School of Milton, Fla. and a recent graduate of Wallace College - Aviation Campus.

Kenneth is the grandson of Gladys Carr and the late Thaniel Carr and the late P.V. and Ethel Owens, all of Elba.

He is a graduate of Elba High School and is employed in Ft. Rucker.



Deadline for social news is Monday!

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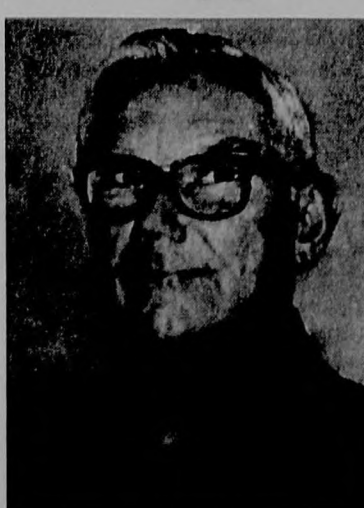
Now I ask for your continued Prayers and Support for the election on September 12, 2000.

Please return to the polls and Vote for me, Harold Spicer, for Councilman - District 4 - so that I may work for you - the people - to make our city a better place to live and work.

I hope to see each of you before the next election and thank you in person.

Thanks, Harold Spicer

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Round & About With Eria 897-2006

Scripture: Philom 14-21

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Annie Pearl Carpenter, Sam Siler, Rev. Charles Lane, Tina Coleman, Stephanie Fears, Julie Phillips, Bettye Newton, Elijah Yelverton, Jessie Robinson, Milton Hooks, Mary Harris, Collis Belcher, Anthony Kelley.

***Lord, Please Revive Me - Revival Meeting of Triumph Holiness Church, Martin Luther King Drive, Elba, will be Sept. 4-8. The evangelist will be Pastor Mitchell. Pulpit conductor will be Minister L.V. Johnson, minister of Oak Grove Baptist Church of Elba.

***109th Church Anniversary Program of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Elba, will be Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. The speaker will be Rev. J.E. Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church of Shorterville, Ala.

***Visitors: Kathy Johnson, Tusculum, Ala., and Tai Thompson, Birmingham, Ala., and students at Alabama State University, Montgomery, attended worship services at Rocky Head MB Church in Elba

on Sunday, Aug. 27. They also visited Eria Lindsey Belcher and other family members.

Louis Siler, Laurel Md., and Larry Siler, visited Eria Lindsey Belcher of Elba recently.

***Sisters United by Prayer - All sisters are welcome to come out and join each other each Monday night at 7 p.m. in the home of Latisha Robertson, Powell Trailer Court, Elba.

***Family and Friends Day of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Brantley will be Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the morning service will be Pastor Fletcher Pease, Bethel Hill MB Church. Guest speaker for the afternoon service will be Pastor Darryl Caldwell, Bethlehem MB Church of Elba.

***The Rocky Head MB Church Ensemble attended a Praise-A-Thon at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, Saturday, Aug. 26. The ensemble was also guests (the same date) at the Annual Chorus Day of New Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria

Living Word Ministry to hold Revival Services

Living Word Ministry located on Main Street in Bulwidge will begin Revival Services September 4, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The guest evangelist will be Sis. Mary Stinson from Elba. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NOTICE

Anyone needing prayer can call the Church of Jesus Christ at 897-6468. Missionary Prayer is held daily (Monday-Friday) from 12 noon until 1 p.m. Pastor is Bishop E.H. Hill.

Douglas MacArthur State Technical College conducts computer training for National Security of Elba

Douglas MacArthur State Technical College, National Security and Elba High School recently formed a partnership to offer computer training for National Security employees. National Security recently upgraded their AS/400 minicomputer system and in the process replaced all CRT's (dumb terminals) with personal computers. This technology gives the employees the benefit of having a computer that can not only perform all personal computer functions, but also allows them to access the new AS/400 all at one computer. This is the latest technology available in the area of personal computer and minicomputer connectivity.

Most of the employees at National Security had little or no personal computer training. With the cooperation of the Elba City School system, MacArthur State Technical College was able to offer the needed training through its Workforce Development and Continuing Education program.

The training was conducted in a computer lab on the campus of Elba High School. A total of 50 employees received "hands-on" training in Microsoft Word 2000 and Microsoft Outlook 2000. Terry Spicer, director of the Workforce Development and Continuing Education program at MacArthur said, "This is the type of training we at MacArthur are committed to offering. We provide training for existing business who need to retain employees, as well as those that are just getting started and need to train new employees. The courses are custom-designed to most conveniently meet the needs of the business."

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A baby relies on his parents for security, love, and anything it needs. When we enter into this new life, we will learn to depend on God for everything we need. We must be born anew. This new birth has its rise from Heaven and it's tendency to Heaven. It is to be born to a new, divine, and Heavenly life, a life of communion with God and the upper world. In order to do this, is to partake of a divine nature and bear the image of the Heavenly.

I challenge you to go and tell someone about this new birth in Christ Jesus. I pray that this series of messages has touched someone's life. May God forever bless you.

U.M. Marriage Encounter weekend planned for Sept. 15-17

A United Methodist Marriage Encounter weekend workshop is planned for Sept. 15-17 in Gulf Breeze, Fla. The weekend allows couples to strengthen and deepen their commitment to each other and their marriage. Couples learn some new communication skills that can be used throughout their lifetime together. The weekend is for couples who are interested in making their marriage the best possible. The weekend is open to couples of any faith.

Registration deadline is Sept. 1. Call Lin or Jerry in Mobile at (334) 661-3722 for complete information. E-mail inquiries can be sent to glwison@zebra.net in care of Lin & Jerry. More information is available at www.encounter.org.

Chellie Phillips honored with awards

Chellie Phillips, marketing and member service representative at South Alabama Electric Cooperative, has received awards from two national organizations of professional cooperative communicators.

In competition that was part of the recent Cooperative Communicators Association (CCA) Annual Institute, Phillips received awards for First Place - Small Shop Portfolio and Second Place - Miscellaneous Communications Program.

Phillips was also a winner in the Council of Rural Electric Communications 2000 Spotlight on Excellence program. She received an Award of Merit in the Best Total Communications Program category for the "Start Your Own Co-op" program. Phillips was responsible for the development and implementation of the program that allowed fifth graders the opportunity to start their own co-op in the classroom and taught them the principles behind the cooperative form of business.

Phillips has been on staff at South Alabama Electric Cooperative for four years.



Chellie Phillips

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of autumn we will remember her
In the beginning of the year and when it ends
we will remember her
When we are weary and in need of strength
we will remember her
When we are lost and sick at heart
we will remember her
When we have joy we yearn to share
we will remember her
So long as we live the she shall live
for we are a part of her, as we remember her.

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Jonathan T. Lockitt & Family

SCHOOLS

Student Spotlight



by Francie English
Name: Alex Benbow
Parents: Jeff and Gena Benbow
Age: 13 years old
Grade: 8th

Favorite color: Sky blue
Favorite music: Punk Rock
Clubs/Activities: FCCLA
Interests/Hobbies: Basketball
Personal quote: "If you're not going to be good, be good at it."

Alex's favorite subject is science because he loves physical science. His overall favorite thing about Elba High School is the classes. The one class that Alex would like to take, but EHS doesn't offer, is a psychology class. When he graduates, he plans on going to college and then he wants to pursue a career as a psychologist. Alex's most memorable moment at Elba High School is the first time he ever got a tick.



Tiger Tales

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TIGER BRIEFS

Join the Club

by Leanne Mallory
On Wednesday, Aug. 16, the students of Elba High School attended club meetings. The clubs that met were: Senior Beta, Junior Beta, Tri-M, FFA and Spanish Club. Students met with sponsors, elected officers and discussed the upcoming year. Each club plans to make the year the most successful ever.

EHS Volleyball Teams Hold Tryouts

Katie Crowe
Volleyball tryouts for the 2000 season were held on August 15-17. 41 girls tried out for positions on the three teams. This year's coaches are Mrs. Susan Barnes and Coach Leroy Carney. This year's teams are considered to be young with only two seniors, Melissa Mulaz and Lauren Sutley, on the varsity team. The season's opening games will be held on Sept. 5 against Kinston. All EHS fans are encouraged to come out and show their support for these teams.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Tabitha Schultz

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Charly Barlow. Charly is a 16-year-old employee of Elba Elementary School where she is a secretary. Her duties include answering the phone and assisting people. Charly also works at the Elba Marketplace as a cashier.

Charly is the daughter of Ronald and Debbie Barlow and is a junior at Elba High School. She is a member of VICA and attends Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Charly is undecided on a major, but she plans on attending college after graduation.



Charly Barlow

New Facilities for Elba Elementary

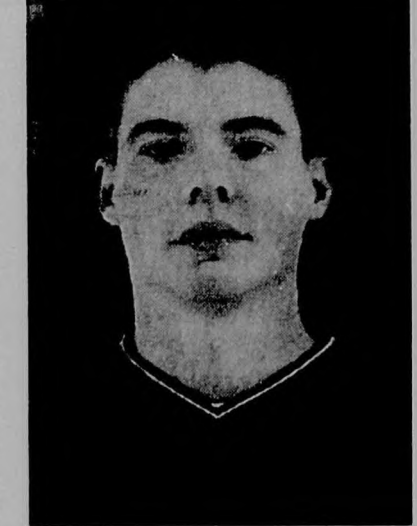
by Bethany Dye
There have been some drastic changes at Elba Elementary School recently as many months' planning and hard work are finally taking shape. Through the efforts of many parents, faculty, community leaders and friends of Elba City Schools, EES has been blessed with a new music education facility and playground.

Dubose Attends Boot Camp

by Carmenda Coleman

On Monday, May 22, one of Elba High's own headed to South Carolina for Basic Training in the Army National Guard, only to return a changed man. Jerry Dubose, son of Beth and Jim Dubose, recently gave me the opportunity to sit down and discuss some of his experiences at "Boot Camp." Excitement was shown all over his face as he told me about it.

When asked if he was treated differently by the drill instructors because he was young, Jerry exclaimed, "They picked on me more because I was younger than the others, but everyone was basically equal no matter if they were seventeen or twenty-eight." Dubose also told me how the hardest thing for him was a field exercise called Victory Forge. Jerry and the rest of the guys were made to dig holes that they got in when they were being "gassed" which meant that gas was thrown at them and they had to put on gas masks. He said, "Most of the guys slept with their gas mask beside their beds." Jerry returned home on July 27 to loving family and friends.



Jerry Dubose

In closing our conversation, Jerry stated that he was not sure if he is going to pursue a full time job in the Army after high school. He said, "It depends on my senior year, but it's still a long way off."

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EHS Leaders Set Sail With AASC

by Chelsea Cooper

On July 16, the EHS student council officers, with the exception of Jerry Dubose who was away at basic training, departed from the school to attend the Alabama Association of Student Council's Summer Conference. Mrs. Bailey, the advisor, Neil Grantham, Bart Barnes and Chelsea Cooper enjoyed interesting conversation and a little beauty sleep on the six-hour drive to the University of North Alabama in Florence. At arrival, they registered, got room keys and unpacked. The first night the entire conference was divided into nine separate councils. The councils were made up of student leaders from all over Alabama. They were given several different projects that evoked creativity and leadership roles to develop within each group. One of the projects was to create a school and give it a name, a mascot, and a school cheer. They had to make a machine out of each other and create a commercial to sell their product. The AASC Olympics were held on Tuesday night. The events ranged from a word scramble to holding a penny between the knees and dropping it into a container. Each night the conference was lectured on the theme for the week, "Set Sail with Alabama Youth Leadership." On Wednesday evening, a banquet was held which included speeches from the elected ambassadors from each council and the heartfelt retirement announcement of Mrs. Fredonia Williams, the Executive Director of Alabama Student Councils. A dance

was held after the banquet. Everyone said goodbye to their newly acquired friends and left notes in "magic bags", a tradition at AASC. Thursday morning, once Mrs. Bailey and Chelsea finally got Bart and Neil up and ready, the group set out for home tired and prepared for the upcoming school year.

New Faces At Elba High



by Melissa Mulaz

The 2000-01 school year has brought many new faces to Elba High School. EHS welcomes 7 new students this year in grades 7-12. They consist of 8th graders Melinda Duncan from Rehobeth High, Tacomas James from Panama City, Fla., and Eddie Pierson from Charles Henderson Middle School in Troy; 9th grader Donald Lee Caswell from Enterprise Junior High; 10th grader Troy Cook; and 11th graders Carrie Nguyen from Zion Chapel High and Cynthia Watson from Kinston High. We hope they have a great year and WELCOME to Elba High School.

Elba Elementary School Menu Sept. 4 - 8, 2000

BREAKFAST
Monday - Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Corn, Sliced Peas, Milk
Wednesday - Salisbury Steak, Rice, Peas & Carrots, Bread, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Applesauce, Milk
Friday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk

Attention

Attention senior boys - It is time for selective service registration. The selective service is a government agency whose job it is to provide untrained manpower for the Armed Forces in the case of a national emergency. Boys age 18-25 are eligible to register. Boys who are United States citizens must register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Boys can register at the post office, guidance office, by mail, or internet. The web site is at www.sss.gov.

ESJC accepting registration for community chorus

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

When we moved out into the country, I finally gave in and let the girls get an "outside" dog. I figured it would be easy to have a dog that stayed outside, since I could wander in the woods whenever I wanted to and all we would have to do was feed it and keep water in a bowl. Wrong! Last week Melanie came in the house screaming because the dog's head was swollen and he was having trouble walking. It was obvious, even to me, that the dog had been bitten by a snake, and to try and calm everyone down we took the dog to a vet. It turned out the dog had been scratched on the nose by a snake, but after two shots and some cleaning, we were assured the dog would be okay, and took it home. The dog was back to normal in a few days, and maybe now he will know better than tangling with a snake. Oh yeah, the dog is half Irish Setter and half Rottweiler, and has short red hair. His name? What else... Red Dog.

ELBA TIGERS LOOKING TO TURN THINGS AROUND

When the Elba Tigers hit the field Thursday night to open the 2000 high school football season, the players and coaches will be trying to put four years of losing behind them and revive the winning spirit that was once famous at Elba High. The Tigers last winning season was way back in 1995 under Coach David Lowery, but the players and coaches are convinced this will be the year the Tigers get back on the winning track, and the road back has to start with a win. The Tigers' opponents tonight (Thursday) will be the Straughn Tigers, a team which has split with Elba the past two years. While Straughn may not be one of the toughest teams on Elba's schedule, it will be a very well coached team that will play hard and give all it has to win the football game. It will be a game that Elba won't win without a fight, and that is the way it is supposed to be. Elba should have a competitive team this season, and with a few breaks and some luck with injuries, the Tigers could very well snap their four-year losing streak. The offense has a big, veteran field, and some young, but quick backs, and the results should be an offense that can move the football and will be fun to watch. Over on defense the Tigers appear to be aggressive, and the type team that will get after the football on every play. Elba will have only three seniors in the starting line-up, and the youngsters will no doubt make mistakes. However, those youngsters will grow up in a hurry, and I think better days are indeed ahead for the Elba Tigers.

TEAMS ARE READY FOR KICKOFF OF 2000 SEASON

The high school football season kicks off this week for all the teams in the coverage area, and while some of the teams will be better than others, it looks like all the teams in the area will be very competitive and fun to watch. Here's a quick look around the football camps....

*** NEW BROCKTON is down in numbers and talent, but the Game-

cocks have a new coach that has the players excited about playing high school football, and the Gamecocks should be fun for their fans to watch, and be an easy team to support. New Brockton may take a few weeks to get rolling, and will surely struggle at times. However, football is a way of life for the kids over in New Brockton, and you know they will get better and better as the season rolls along.

*** ZION CHAPEL is looking to get back in the win column after an 0-9 season a year ago, and from what I hear the Rebels could be a team to keep an eye on this season. The Rebels have some very talented players in the skill positions, and appear to have some depth that should pay dividends as the games enter the fourth quarter. Zion Chapel is one of only a handful of teams that can go from worst to first, and while that might not happen this season, the Rebels should definitely be much improved and snap their losing streak.

*** KINSTON is fired up and ready to play for its new head coach, and all the Bulldogs need is a win to get everyone down in K-Town excited about football. The Bulldogs have 16 juniors on the roster that have grown up the past two years when their team went 1-19, and these players are determined that they will show everyone that they are winners. It will never be easy, and any wins might be considered an upset, but these Bulldogs have grown some teeth and just might take a bite out of some unsuspecting opponents.

*** BRANTLEY always has high expectations, and wouldn't let it be any other way, but the Bulldogs have a killer schedule early in the season and could very well be 2-2 after four weeks of action and be just as good as in years past. The Bulldogs have size, speed and a winning attitude, and there is no doubt they will win once again be one of the state's top 1A teams. With the schedule facing the Bulldogs, there is no way this bunch won't earn everything it gets.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PREDICTS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator threatened last year to retire from his annual job of predicting high school football, but I knew he would be back, and when he stopped by the office over the weekend he was back in form, crying about how it is impossible to pick winners in the early weeks of the season. I knew he was right, but teased him about being scared, and then got him to show me his picks for week #1. Hey, there are some toss-ups!

ELBA VS. STRAUGHN

The fur will be flying down in the hole when these two sets of Tigers tie up for the season lid-fitter on Thursday night. Both teams struggled to losing seasons a year ago and want to start off with a win, and there is little doubt that both coaches will have a few surprises up their sleeves. This game won't get any statewide attention. However, it should be exciting for the players, coaches and fans from both schools.

ELBA 16, STRAUGHN 12

NEW BROCKTON VS. ZION CHAPEL

In years past this match-up would draw about as much attention as a couple of kids playing marbles, but this year everything has changed, and all of the sudden the two cross-county rivals appear to be pretty evenly matched. The Gamecocks are very young, but confident, while the Rebels have some

veteran players that are hungry to win after last year's disastrous season. It could be something I ate, but I've got a feeling the upsets will start in week #1.

ZION CHAPEL 26 NEW BROCKTON 20

KINSTON VS. SAMSON

Would the sports writer that voted for the Bulldogs please stand up, please stand up! Kinston has won only once over the past two years, which makes it a little hard to understand just why the players and their fans are so excited about the beginning of football season. Samson has to be looking forward to Friday night's encounter after last year's 3-7 record. However, the Tigers may find out what some other folks already know - these Bulldogs have grown teeth.

KINSTON 20 SAMSON 19

BRANTLEY VS. J.F. SHIELDS

I don't know if Aunt Beatrice will be at the game, but the Brantley Bulldogs will kickoff the 2000 season Friday night on the road when they travel to Beatrice to tangle with the J.F. Shields Panthers. While the Bulldogs know very little about the Panthers, I am sure the Panthers, a former 2A team, care very little about the Bulldogs. This one could be a lot better than most people think.

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Elba Tigers to kick off season Thursday night

Football season opens this week for all area teams

The high school football season will kick off this week all across the state, and for teams in the area, the opening week's action will bring with it hopes for an early win to help get the season jump started in the right direction.

Following are previews of this week's games:

STRAUGHN AT ELBA

The Elba Tigers will get a jump on the other teams in the area when

they kick off their season tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 PM against the Straughn Tigers. Elba, which posted a 3-7 record last season, is confident of better things this year, and Coach Julius Head is optimistic about the opening week's contest.

"Straughn has a good football team and will come to win," said Coach Head. "We beat them last season over at their place, but we know that Coach Taylor will have his team ready and expect a real

fight. Straughn will run a wing-t on offense and try to get to the corners and confuse us with misdirection. Over on defense they will be pretty basic, but will probably move around a lot to try and get our blocking schemes confused. We will have to be ready for anything they might do, and make adjustments. For us to win, we will have to play smart and aggressive at the same time. We will have to tackle well on defense, and on offense not hurt ourselves with turnovers and penalties. If we play well and stick with our assignments, we should have a shot at winning our first game and getting the season off to a good start."

NEW BROCKTON AT ZION CHAPEL

The Coffee County gridiron wars will heat up early this season when the Zion Chapel Rebels host the New Brockton Gamecocks Friday night at 7:30 PM. Zion Chapel

failed to win last season and had to forfeit to New Brockton due to a lack of players. However, Rebels' Coach Randy Grant is confident that this week's season-opener will be much different.

"This is a big game for us because it is the first game of the season and because we are playing New Brockton," said Coach Grant. "First off we must play better on defense than we did last year to have a chance. We will try and be prepared for anything they might throw at us, and our goal is to make some big hits and tackle well. On offense we must play ball control, not make many mistakes and penalties, and put points in the scoreboard when we get the chance. New Brockton will be looking forward to playing us, especially after last year, but we have to stay focused and play our game if we are to win. It will be a very tough game. However, we are confident that we can play smart football and not make any mistakes, we should have

win."

SAMSON AT KINSTON

The Kinston Bulldogs will kick off the Gary Glass era Friday night at 7:30 PM when they host the Samson Tigers in the season opener for both teams. The Bulldogs won only once last year and have struggled to a 1-19 record the past two seasons. However, new coach Gary Glass is optimistic that the Bulldogs will make strides this season toward becoming a winning football team. "We all know what kind of record we have had the last two years," said Coach Glass, "but that was in the past and this is now, and we are all excited about the season. Samson has a new coach and will be very confident coming over here to play, as will every team we play this season. Our players believe that they can win, and have worked hard to be prepared for the season. If we can play smart football and not make any mistakes, we should have

a shot at winning. We just need something good to happen, and hopefully that will occur Friday night."

BRANTLEY AT J.F. SHIELDS

The Brantley Bulldogs will open the 2000 high school football season on the road Friday night when they travel to Beatrice to battle the J.F. Shields Panthers. The Bulldogs posted a 14-1 record last season and dropped a narrow decision to Courtland in the 1A state championship game, which prevented the Bulldogs from repeating as state champs. Shields competed in the 2A ranks a year ago and went 7-3, and is expected to field one of its best teams in years this season. While it may be true that neither team knows much about each other, both teams know their opponents know how to win, and this could be one of the top games in week #1. Kick off will be at 7:30 PM.

McCall is head football trainer at Marshall

Former Elba Tiger now helping college players stay on field

Andy Spradling, sportswriter
Daily Mail
Charleston, West Virginia

HUNTINGTON, WV — There were probably moments this summer when Chanton Rodgers couldn't stand the sight of Todd McCall.

The Marshall University running back, who severed his anterior cruciate ligament during spring drills, has endured the long road of rehabilitation. McCall, the son of Van and Janice McCall of Elba and a

1996 Alabama graduate in his second year at MU, is the head football trainer who helped him make it back.

Now in the twilight of rehab, the love-hate relationship has mellowed to respect and friendship.

"I got put through it," Rodgers said, with a laugh. "Todd's really got an interesting system of conditioning and workouts. He keeps it interesting. It's something new every day."

"We started in the last week of March," McCall said. "Got him out of surgery one day, had him here the next morning at 6 a.m. We'd spend in the neighborhood of six hours a day in here, 6:30 to 9, 9:30 and then 2:30 to 5:30, 6."

"That was every day, Monday through Friday, and sometimes we'd come in on weekends too. Usually I'd let him have the week-ends off during the early period. You can't overdo it."

"I always told him that he's not going to be happy with me when he gets here and he's not going to be happy with me when he leaves. But

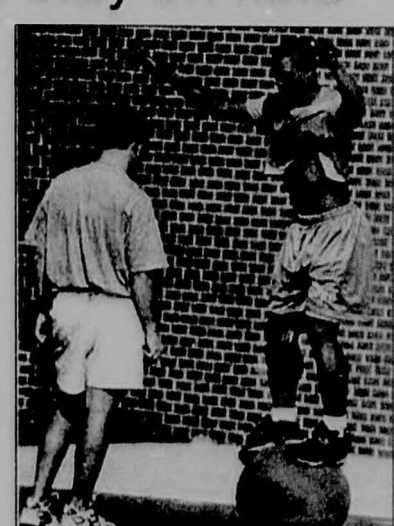
at least if he's talking dirty about me when he leaves, I know I've done my job."

Once Rodgers' range of motion returned, McCall could really turn up the gas, putting the sophomore through a number of drills to strengthen the knee. You could find him atop the ball often for a half hour at a time, balancing as he executes endless squats.

"It's weird but I actually feel better cutting off my bad leg than I do my good. I guess that's a mental thing like I'm concentrating more with it."

"And we're going to bring him along slowly. We're not going to try and rush anything. But he's so far ahead of schedule that it's absolutely amazing. And he's worked it. It hasn't come easy. I'm proud of him."

McCall feels the same. "He has had an awesome attitude," McCall said. "Any time someone goes through this, they kind of have a down period. But his attitude has been awesome all summer long. He's really worked hard."



ON THE BALL....trainer Todd McCall, of Elba, has put Chanton Rodgers through some unique rehabilitative exercises, including this near-circus act of doing squats while balancing on a ball. McCall is the head football trainer at Marshall University.

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Look to post first winning season since 1995

Elba Tigers hoping that 2000 season will bring return to winning ways

When Julius Head arrived at the Elba High campus last year he brought with him one of the state's winningest career coaching records, along with a reputation for producing winning football teams at all levels of play during a long career in both public and private school athletics. His first year at the Tiger helm was anything but what the veteran coach expected as his team struggled to a 3-7 record, and was eliminated in the opening round of the Class 3A playoffs.

"Elba has always had the reputation for producing winning football teams," said Coach Head, "and while I knew the program was a little down after that year, I was almost proved to be fatal to the team. The attitudes did improve late in the season, but it was not a season to write home about!"

Now in his second season as the leader of the Tigers, Coach Head, his staff and his players are determined to turn the program back around, and with a little luck, this could be the year the Tigers take their first steps back toward becoming a winning football team.

"We have 27 varsity players on the team," stated Coach Head, "and while that isn't as many as we would have liked, we do have some players on the team that can lead us and also have some youngsters that have the potential to be some of the best ever to wear the black and gold here at Elba High."

The Elba offense struggled throughout the season a year ago, but despite losing its entire backfield to graduation, is expected to be much improved this year, due mainly to a veteran offensive line that averages over 215 pounds per man.

Returning starters Carson Waters (6-2, 225) and Gavin Mauldin (6-6, 252) will be back at the tackles slots and should anchor the offensive line, while freshman center Patrick

Tyson (5-9, 200) will use his size and quickness to make an immediate impact, and guards Michael Reed (6-2, 244), Brian Brunson (5-10, 243) and Jason Curran (5-10,

170) will flank Tyson and have the skills needed to help open holes. Tight-end Marcus Henderson (6-1, 185) has the ability to run block and be a threat as a receiver in the Tigers' offensive scheme. There is an old adage in football that it is what's up front that counts, and if this is indeed true, the Tigers should be strong where it counts the most!

Senior Brandon Salter (6-1, 210) has made the move from center to fullback to quarterback, and will enter the year as the Tigers' signal-caller. Salter has the toughness of a lineman and the body to match, but does have a strong arm and will show no fear when forced to pull the ball down and run. Running backs Cherelle Edwards (5-9, 160), Josh Moultry (5-11, 185) and Dougie Pearson (5-10, 150) will combine to give the Tigers a combination of speed and power in the backfield, and when the duo of Alan Head (6-0, 165) and Michael Sams (5-10, 150) are added to the mix, it is easy to see that if the Tigers do have any depth this season, it is in the offensive backfield.

Henderson will be a target from his tight-end position, while targets when the Tigers go deep will include wide-receivers Darryl Burks (5-11, 165) and Brent Bowers (5-9, 150).

"We will be a little limited in what we can do," added Head, "and with only three seniors in the starting line-up we will be young and inexperienced. We do have some depth in the offensive backfield, however, and with a veteran line, maybe we will be able to establish the run."

On the defensive side of the ledger, the Tigers will have basically the same players on the field, with at least eight or nine players expected to go both ways.

"The defense has been ahead of the offense in preseason drills," said Head, "and even though we will be young in the secondary, the defense should be the strength of our club early in the season."

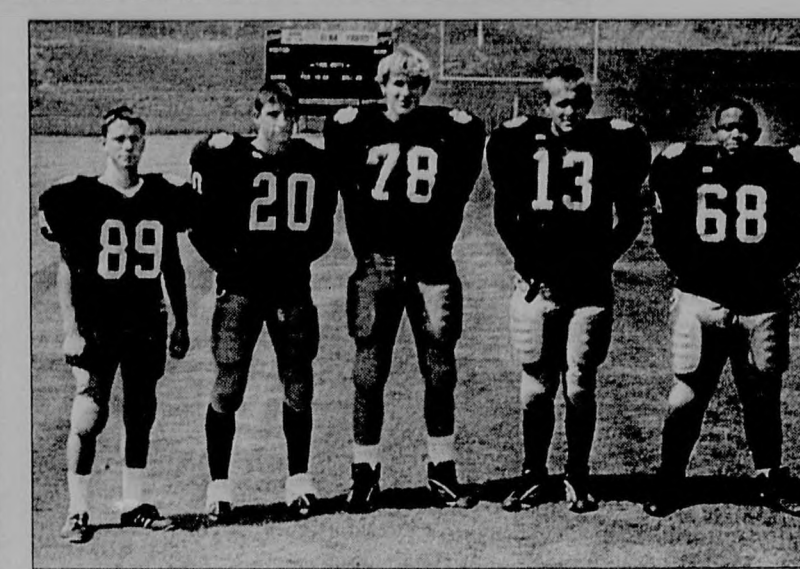
The youthful secondary will include junior Darryl Burks and sophomores Dougie Pearson and Brandon Petty (5-9, 150), while the Tigers' defensive line will include defensive-ends Josh Moultry and



2000 ELBA TIGERS & CHEERLEADERS



ELBA TIGER COACHING STAFF....(front row, l-r) Andy Lambert, Head Coach Julius Head, Marty Marler, (standing, l-r) Frank Phillips, Wynn Grimes, Karl Bledsole, Boyd English, Mike Waters and Bill Rayburn.



ELBA TIGER SENIORS....for the 2000 season include (l-r) Chris Turner, Alan Head, Carson Waters, Brandon Salter and Brian Brunson.

Carson Waters, and tackles Michael Reed and Gavin Mauldin. The line-backing corp of Marcus Henderson, Brandon Salter, Alan Head and Jason Curran should be the strength in the state as far as travel goes, and late in the season will have to travel over four hours two straight weeks in school buses to play region opponents. It used to be bad enough in the playoffs to face long road trips, but now we have those

trips in the regular season." "The key to the season may very well be the first three games of the season," Head added. "If we can get a win or two early on it will give the players the confidence they need so badly, and make them believe that they can win. Once the players believe they can win, good things should happen again here in Elba."

The Elba Tigers have a favorable schedule this season, despite the long road trips to Washington County, Flomaton and Gulf Shores, and with some luck could very well snap their streak of four consecutive losing seasons. The Tigers won't sneak up on anyone and won't scare anyone. However, the Tigers should be hungry for wins, and once they taste victory, might go on a rampage.

Gamecocks are small in size and numbers

New Brockton looking to rebuild in Clark's first year at helm

The last time the New Brockton Gamecocks made it to the Class 2A championship game in football there were only around 20 players on the team and Shannon Clark and William Moguel were among those players. This season there are again only around 20 players on the team, while this time Clark is the head coach of the Gamecocks and Moguel is an assistant coach.

While there is little talk about the 2000 Gamecocks repeating the feat, the talk from the coaches and players is familiar, as no one is making any excuses and the Gamecocks simply say they will let their actions on the field do their talking!

The New Brockton Gamecocks, under the guidance of first year head coach Shannon Clark, were expected to be down this season after having a senior dominated team in '99. However, with only 21 varsity players, with 18 taking part in recent drills due to injuries, the Gamecocks may very well field their smallest team ever.

The New Brockton offense will feature only two returning starters from a year ago in tight-end Nicky Anderson (6-3, 185) and split-end Nathan Rainey (5-7, 150), and could be as small in size as it is in numbers. Quarterback Joe Sawyer stands only 5-8 and tips the scales at 150 pounds, while running back Jeremy Meeks is the "big" back at 5-8, 145, and will team with Tyler Simmons, a 5-6, 140 pound, fresh-



2000 NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS & CHEERLEADERS

man, in the offensive backfield. The entire offensive line will be made up of youngsters getting their first taste of varsity football, and with inexperience and injuries, the Gamecocks' offense could be very basic during the early season.

The Gamecock defense will be made up primarily of the same players that line up on offense, and while the defensive unit will be undersized, New Brockton coaches are hoping that the players will make up for their size and inexperience with their quickness and aggressiveness.

When a team isn't expected to win many games there is no pressure except from the players and coaches themselves, and that is certainly the case with this year's Gamecocks. Four of New Brockton's first five opponents won at

least eight games last season, with the second and third opponents (G.W. Long and Wicksburg) combining to post a 24-2 mark a year ago. Even county rivals Zion Chapel and Kinston, which have combined to win a total of only two games over the past two seasons, are looking forward to their

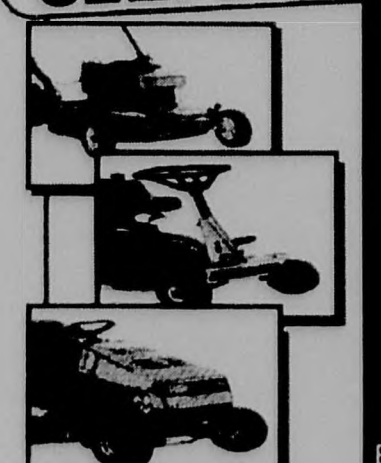
match-ups with the Gamecocks. New Brockton will be down in numbers and talent this season, but the Gamecocks' dedication and determination more than makes up for their short comings, and this bunch could have plenty of surprises up their sleeves before the season winds down.



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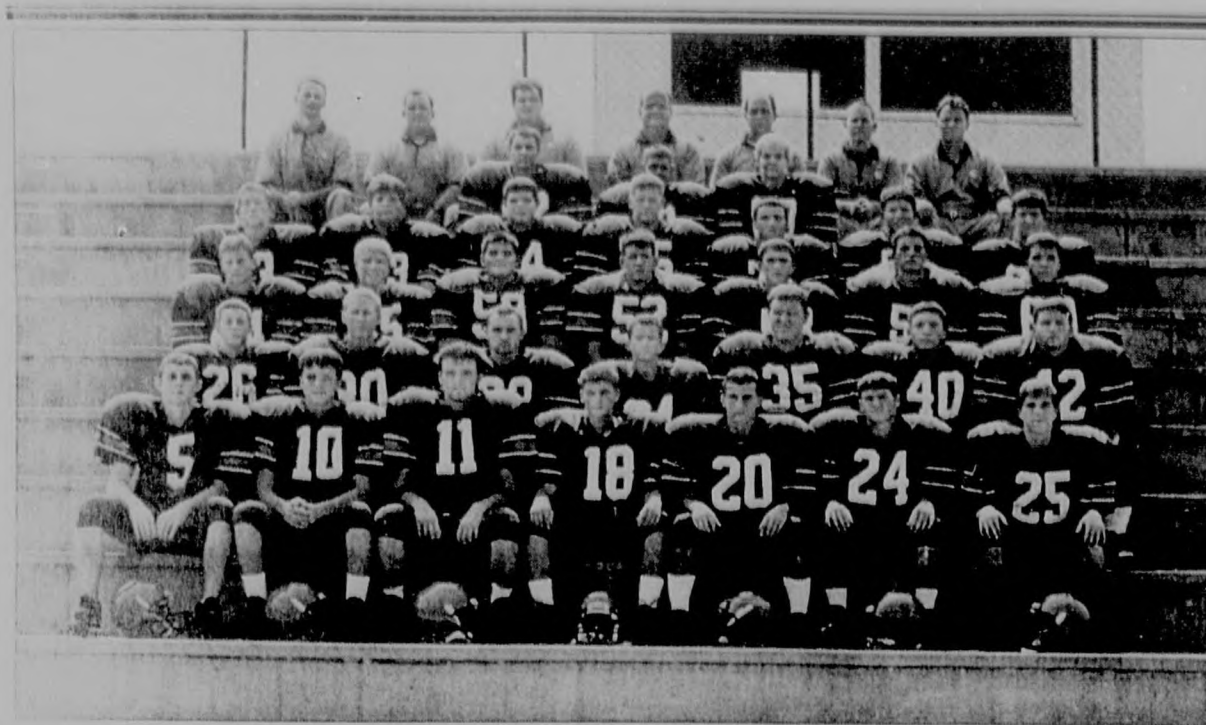
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Zion Chapel Rebels put out "ambush" warnings to all opponents this season

When Zion Chapel head football coach Randy Grant returned to his alma mater back in 1997, there were high hopes that the former Rebel standout and assistant coach would be just what the program needed to return the Rebels to their winning ways of years past. While Coach Grant's rebuilding project has taken a little longer than expected, this could very well be the season in which the Rebels take that final step toward becoming the winning football team.

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Kinston Bulldogs hoping their bite is much worse than their bark this season

After suffering through a series of losing seasons on the basketball court, many area sports fans were convinced that Kinston ball coach Gary Glass must be a glutton for punishment after agreeing to handle the head duties in both basketball and football. After all, the Bulldogs had won only one game the past two years in football, and had been placed in the same region with such IA powers as Brantley, G.W. Long and Florida.

Those same Bulldogs were included in the Class 1A preseason high school football poll; however, and now some of those same fans are wondering if Coach Glass and the state's sports writers know something they don't. Only time will tell.

"I don't know who voted for us in the preseason football poll," admitted Coach Glass, "and I am sure it drew a lot of laughs in a lot of places. It may make us a marked team early on, but it did fire up our players, and they now know that at least some people across the state know that we do play football down here in Kinston."

"I realized when I took the job that some people would think I was crazy," said Glass, "but these kids have grown up around me and I have confidence in them, and believe that they can be winners in all sports, football included. We have worked hard during the summer getting in shape, and will dress out 32 players on the varsity, including 16 juniors. We all know we aren't going to turn the program around overnight, but at the same time we know we have to start some time, and that time is now."

Offensively, Kinston appears to have a team that will be able to put points on the scoreboard, and bring their fans to their feet.

Sophomore quarterback Ryan Anderson (6-2, 170) will guide the Bulldogs' attack, and is expected to be a double-threat both running and passing, despite his inexperience. Juniors Jamie Lunsford and Bo Driggers will share the duties at tailback and will enable the Bulldogs to keep a fresh pair of legs in the game, while junior Donnie Sansom (5-10, 240) will give the offense power both running and blocking from his fullback position.

Kinston will put the ball in the air in an attempt to develop a balanced offensive attack, and when Anderson does go to the airways, his favorite targets will be junior split ends Patrick Nelson (165) and Tim Whigham (155).

The Bulldogs want to travel on the ground this season, and if they are successful in their mission, much of the success will be shared by the big and physical Kinston offensive line. The Bulldogs' men in the trenches will include tight ends Jeremy Carnley (240) and Derrick Cain (220), while center Jon Wiggins (170) will anchor the line, and will be flanked by guards Jason Farris (190) and Wade Ward (185), along with tackles Will Mack (165) and Brad Boykin (250).

"We aren't real big in the offensive line or in the backfield," stated



KINSTON BULLDOG SENIORS...for the 2000 football season include (kneeling, l-r) Jason Farris, Daniel Davis, (standing, l-r) Chris Rhodes, Derrick Cain and Wade Ward.



KINSTON BULLDOG FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Coach Glass, "but we do have some quickness, and should be aggressive. We will have to be aggressive on every single play and get after folks to be successful on offense."

The Kinston defense rarely even slowed down the opposition a year ago and allowed opposing offenses to light up the scoreboard each and every game. However, the lack of defense did not go unnoticed by Coach Glass or his staff.

"We played absolutely no defense at all at times last season," said Glass, "and the only chance we had to win was basically to score every time we got the football. We had to win on offense and hard on defense this year in preseason practice, and believe that our opponents will see a much different team on the defensive side of the ball."

Junior linebackers Todd Mack, Jamie Lunsford and Bo Driggers are expected to lead the resurgence in the Bulldog defense, while the front line of defense in the defensive line will include Derrick Cain, Daniel Davis, Brad Boykin, Jason Farris, Wade Ward and Chris Rhodes. The secondary should have quickness and experience, and will be led by Ryan Anderson, Cody

Sansom, Tim Whigham, Lee Holley and Tim Wood.

"We all know that there will be no teams on our schedule that aren't looking forward to playing Kinston," said Glass. "While we aren't making any rash predictions, we all believe that we can win some football games this season, and establish a winning attitude here at Kinston. Our schedule is tough every single week, and includes some of the top 1A and 2A teams in the state. We won't back down from anyone; however, and will play hard, play with emotion, and play to win no matter who we are playing."

Kinston has a new coach and a new attitude on the football field this season, and with a little luck early on could very well take its first steps toward becoming a winning football team. It won't be easy, however, this could very well be a different breed of Bulldog this year down in Kinston.

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SPORTS

Brantley Bulldogs look to continue winning ways despite tough early-season schedule

The Brantley Bulldogs won the Class 1A state football championship in 1998 with a 13-2 record, and last year placed second in the state with a 14-1 state. With twelve seniors on this year's team that have won 27 games over the past two years and made two consecutive trips to the state championship game in Birmingham, what do they do for an encore? What else?!

Coach David Lowery will begin his second season at the Bulldog helm this year and expectations are high, as always, that the Bulldogs will once again be among the winningest teams in the state, regardless of classification, and make yet another run toward a state title. Brantley lost its top players on both offense and defense from a year ago to graduation, but the cupboard is far from being bare, and it appears that the Bulldogs may indeed have the talent to be a serious threat for the 1A crown.

Brantley will be without the services of tailback Bo Daniels for the first time in four years, and will miss his 1,687 yards and 26 touchdowns from a year ago. However, the Bulldogs do have a stable of solid backs, and may be a lot stronger on offense than anyone realizes.

Senior running back Darrell Owens (5-11, 190) rushed for 1,198 yards, caught 12 passes for 199 yards and scored 20 touchdowns

last season for the Bulldogs, and will get his chance to be in the spotlight this season as the Bulldogs' featured back. The "Knighen Connection" of Tyrone (5-8, 175) and Tyrrell (5-11, 205) combined for 525 yards and 8 touchdowns last season and will be back to make their senior year their best ever, while also expected to see action with the ball in their hands are sophomore Jimmy Mitchell (5-11, 160), Neiko Murry (5-10, 155) and Chauncey Burnett (5-11, 165).

Brantley should be in solid hands at the quarterback position, where senior Andy Johnson (6-4, 205) will return and look to add on to his already lofty stats. The major college prospect rushed for 168 yards and 4 touchdowns in '99, while connecting on 78 of 147 passes for 1,190 yards and 12 touchdowns, and suffering only 2 interceptions. Johnson will be the leader of the Brantley offensive unit, and should combine with the Bulldogs' stable of running backs to give opposing defensive coaches headaches throughout the season.

The Bulldogs' offensive line has been one of its strengths over the past two seasons, and should certainly be strong again, led by the experience and aggressiveness of such returning standouts as Rashad Owens (230), Tyler Griffin (260), Gregory Daniels (260), Rodney Wiley (230), Bobby



BRANTLEY BULLDOG FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

At U. of West Alabama

Elba's Rudy Free is dominating in final scrimmage of preseason drills

The University of West Alabama football team went through its final scrimmage of the pre-season here Saturday morning and head coach Bobby Johnson summed up the two-hour workout in one statement, "If we had played Stillman today we would have lost."

"We just made too many mistakes today, particularly in our substitutions," noted Johnson. "Our mistakes are correctable but we only have one week to make those corrections."

Johnson was pleased with the way the first defense looked and was very

pleased with the return of starting middle linebacker Ricky Mundy, who has been out with a shoulder injury.

"Ricky gave us a big lift on defense," added Johnson. "He, along with ends Kendrick Office and Rudy Free and tackle Brian Brown, dominated the line of scrimmage."

"The offense did not do a good job at all, although fullback Phillip Keef had a couple of nice runs," said Johnson.

"Despite the effort today, we have made improvement," he said. "Our

Beauchemin bolts to

By Mark Chism

The Southern Automobile Racing Association (SARA) made its first trip to South Alabama Speedway in June. Dothan's Joey Watkins led early and finished fourth, Mike McCreary Jr. won the race and Bobby Beauchemin was involved in an early wreck and finished 10th. The second trip was much different as Watkins and McCreary experienced early mechanical problems and were never factors in the race, and Beauchemin dominated the event, leading all but three laps.

Current series points leader Jeff Scofield set the fast time in qualifying with a time of 16.312 (88.279 mph). Inversion put rookie Michael Faulk on the pole with Beauchemin on the outside. Beauchemin got the jump on the start, taking the lead into turn one and never looking back. Beauchemin built as much as a straightaway lead early in the race. Wayne Morris and Scofield were the early movers in the race from their sixth and tenth starting spots. On a lap 54 restart, Morris got a good run and jumped to the inside of Beauchemin to take the lead. Overheating problems sent Morris to the pits for the evening on lap 58, and Beauchemin regained the lead. It was the only

SARA win at South Alabama Speedway

serious challenge to Beauchemin in the race. Beauchemin was able to maintain a comfortable lead for the remainder of the 125-lap race to take his second series win of the year. Faulk turned in an impressive second place showing with Scofield finishing third. Jason Crosey was fourth and Kevin Ingram fifth. Local drivers Ed Baker finished a respectable ninth, Royce Johnston was eleventh, and Watkins 20th.

In local action, Mark Davis took the lead on lap 3 and went on to win his fifth Super Stock Feature. Jody Henderson was held up in traffic early in the race. After working his way to second on lap 15, Henderson was able to cut into Davis' large lead but ran out of laps before he could mount a serious challenge to Davis. Chris Lucas was third, Corey Dunn fourth, and Jerry Weatherington fifth.

In IMCA Modified, Jeff Rudd was again in victory lane. Rudd came from the ninth starting spot, took the lead on lap 10, and went on to win for the 12th time this year. Wayne Schneider ran a strong second. Damon Hammond was third, Lee Hellett fourth, and Russ Holland fifth.

Wayne Slawson won his second Street Stock Feature, taking lead from Brian Martin on lap 13.

Phillips (265), Jamie Cooper (255) and Wade Morris (195).

All-State receivers Zack Burnett and Shaun Person won't be back for Andy Johnson to aim at. However, tight-end Gregory Daniels, running back Darrell Owens combined for 31 catches for 428 yards last season, and will return along with receivers Chauncey Burnett, Tyrone Knighten, Rashad Owens and Mike Mitchell (6-3, 180) and Sergio Burnett (6-1, 195) to give Johnson plenty of targets at which to throw.

The Brantley defense allowed only 176 points in 15 games last season, an average of 11.7 points per game, and will once again to be reckoned with. Tyrrell Knighten will be the leading receiver on defense, and along with Gregory Daniels, Tyrone Knighten, Rashad Owens and Bobby Phillips, should anchor another aggressive Bulldog defensive squad!

Tyrrell Knighten made 104 tackles, recorded 14 sacks, caused 10 fumbles, recovered 3 fumbles and blocked 2 punts last season for the Bulldogs, while Gregory Daniels had 64 tackles, 5 sacks, caused 2 fumbles, recovered 1 fumble and had 2 pass interceptions. Tyrone Knighten chipped in with 62 tackles and 14 sacks, while Rashad Owens had 45 tackles and 1 fumble recovery and Bobby Phillips had 19 tackles and caused 2 fumbles. Other leaders on defense included Kris Cain with 32 tackles and 2 fumbles caused; Mike Mitchell with 37 tackles and 2 interceptions; Chauncey Burnett with 50 tackles and 3 interceptions; Rodney Wiley with 43 tackles and 5 sacks; and Jamie Cooper with 29 tackles and 4 sacks.

While the Brantley Bulldogs will be one of the most talented in the 1A ranks again this season, they may have hard time matching the win totals from years past, since the Bulldogs face a very tough schedule that includes two-time defending 2A state champion Southern Choctaw, as well as such prep powers as J.F. Shells, Highland Home, G.W. Long and Florida. Don't feel sorry for the Bulldogs, however, because the Bulldogs are looking forward to any and all challenges.



2000 BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Plant sawtooth oaks to attract wildlife

Alabama's wildlife probably utilizes acorns more than any other food source. In the past, landowners and hunting leaseholders would have to wait 25 to 30 years for native oaks to mature enough to produce a decent yield of acorns. But a relatively new arrival from Asia has cut the waiting time down to 5 to 7 years. The Sawtooth oak is widely adapted to the southern United States. It grows at a rapid rate when cared for properly and begins setting nuts in the fifth or sixth growing season.

Acorns from the Sawtooth oak are large like those from the native white oak that deer are so fond of. Sawtooth nuts fall earlier than most native varieties, usually in late September and early October. Bow hunters find a Sawtooth grove to be a virtual magnet to whitetails during the early days of bow season.

Most nurseries offer sawtooth seedlings as 1-year old transplants that are sold in containers or in bare-root bundles. They should be planted 25 feet apart in rows that are 20 to 25 feet apart. Some nurseries recommend plantings 15 feet apart in the row and rows only 15 feet apart. This will give larger yields of nuts in the early producing years, but the trees may have to be thinned if they begin to crowd each other. Trees planted in standing timber and even around the shaded edge where open and woodland meet will be poor acorn producers. They should be planted where they can receive sunlight morning and evening. Small

groves of 10 to 50 trees for every hundred acres will usually be adequate. Sawtooths can be planted like pine trees using a dibble bar or one may use a sharpshooter shovel or hole digger. Care must be taken to insure seedlings are planted no deeper than they were at the nursery. Some nurseries recommend using time-release fertilizer tablets at time of planting. Also, it is important to make sure the root system is not turned up to form what is known as a J-rooted planting. Trees that are planted with the roots bent toward the ground surface will do poorly if they survive. Sawtooths will grow and produce in most soil varieties in Alabama, but do best on sandy loam to clay loam soils that are moderately well drained. It is important to protect sawtooths from wildfires and controlled burning, as their thin bark will not tolerate burns.

Weed control can be accomplished by using a herbicide that will not damage hardwood trees but will kill weeds and grasses. County Extension agents can offer advice on obtaining seedlings, planting instructions, and weed control.

Planting Sawtooth oaks will attract virtually all Alabama game animals and birds with the exception of dove. Acorn production is fairly consistent with sawtooths, with nuts being produced every year. A mature tree properly cared for can produce over 1,000 pounds of acorns per tree in a good year.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Former Coffee County resident writes history of Victoria Community

by Jefferson Delma Head

One of the oldest communities in Coffee County was established as a settlement in the mid 1830s when then a part of Dale County, Victoria, located 12 miles north of Elba on Highway 125, has not always been known as Victoria. It has undergone a metamorphosis of name changing from Smut Eye to Buzbeville, again to Smut Eye and finally Victoria. A Post Office was established using the name Smut Eye in 1850, changed to Buzbeville in 1853, and to Victoria in 1868. For a number of years the Smut Eye name lingered much to the chagrin of the affluent Winslow family who thought the name tacky and unsophisticated. Victoria Winslow, daughter of prominent pioneer citizen Eliza Winslow, wanted the community to have a more dignified name. Reportedly some of the young men of the community motivated by a desire to gain favor with Miss Winslow, suggested the name be changed to Victoria in her honor. Old traditions die slowly, however, and for 50 years later the community was still being called "Smut Eye."

The 1860 Census of Coffee County reflects the affluent Winslow family as residents of Buzbeville. Eliza Winslow, age 62, a farmer born in Georgia who first migrated to Florida and then to Alabama, was apparently widowed with five children: Marion age 22, Franklin 22, Victoria 20, George 4 and Fanny 3. Eliza had real estate valued at \$4,200 and personal estate at \$26,650 reflecting his status as a wealthy man of his day. Victoria Winslow, highly educated and an accomplished pianist often demonstrated her musical skills in social events for the community.

There are many stories regarding

the origin of the name Smut Eye. One such story suggests that men gathered around an open fire to warm their hands in cold weather and would end up with soot around their face and eyes thus creating a "Smut Eye" appearance. Another story suggests that it became a meeting place for young men to congregate and ingested spirits which led to arguments, fights, black eyes and ultimately the name "Smut Eye."

Victoria as a community did not reach prominence perhaps until 1850 when the first Post Office was established as "Smut Eye" with William H. Buzbe, the first Postmaster. The Smut Eye name changed to Buzbeville in 1853 with William H. Buzbe continuing as Postmaster followed by Oliver H. Buzbe with William F. Johnson. The Buzbeville Post Office closed in 1861 and mail for the area was handled through the Elba or Clintonville Post Office for the next 7 years. By 1868, the Post Office was reestablished at Victoria with George P. Beale as Postmaster, followed by Matthew M. Mattox, Josiah Brunson, John P. Martin, William W. Wise, Benjamin J. Cardwell, Margie Segler, Herbert H. Hudson, Jennie Crook, Sid Dunford, Ruby Pinkard and J. C. Thomas. The Victoria Post Office closed in 1925.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church was established at Victoria about 1856. The name was changed in recent years to Victoria Baptist due to another church in the county bearing the same name thus creating confusion. The Methodist Church at Victoria held its meetings downstairs in the Old Masonic Lodge Building until its demise later merging with Chestnut Grove Methodist Church, Pea River Masonic Lodge #271.

This article was written by Jefferson Delma Head, a former resident of the Victoria Community of Coffee County. A more concise version of this history will be submitted to the Coffee County Heritage Committee for inclusion in the Coffee County Heritage Book. The author is seeking additional information from Coffee County residents to expand this history. Readers who may possess additional historical information about the Victoria Community and its pioneer citizens are requested to contact: Jefferson Delma Head, 311 Davis Dr., Centerville, Ga. 31028.

Elementary School located 1/2 miles south of Victoria near the Ezra Kelley home place, was in existence from about 1900 until 1936 when it was destroyed by fire. Rumors abound that burning of the old school might have been "assisted" in order to get a new school. A new modern school was built at Victoria in 1937, located where the present Victoria Baptist Church stands now. Years later, the Victoria Elementary School merged with other schools in the area. Calben Nelson, known equally well as a basketball coach and teacher, was one of the more prominent teachers and principals of the

early Victoria School. Professor Nelson, or "Fess" as he was better known, prided himself on having one of the best basketball teams among peer schools in Coffee County. Another type of school featured during the 1940s at Victoria and remembered quite well by those privileged to attend was the Victoria Singing School taught by Mrs. Mitt Tindol for 2 weeks each summer. Those attending will remember "Miss Mitt," as she was called, tapping a student on the head with her baton if they were not paying attention, pacing the floor waving her baton and beaming a broad smile that reflected a deep sense of personal satisfaction as she shouted "sing children sing." This author attended at least five of these wonderful and memorable singing schools.

The Victoria Community during early years was well served by skilled Medical Doctors. Dr. W. A. Treadwell was one of the first of his profession to locate in this area and established his practice at Victoria during the 1850s. He died in 1888 and is buried in the Victoria Cemetery. Dr. W. H. Crook, born and raised in Louisa County, came to Victoria and practiced medicine at Victoria from about 1890 until shortly before his death in 1934. He was also an active member and officer of the Masonic Lodge at Victoria. Dr. Crook is buried in the Victoria Cemetery. Dr. Marian A. Folsom and Dr. Eugene Bragg covered another 30 plus years during the first half of the 20th century. Dr. Folsom died from injuries received in an automobile accident in 1944, he is buried in the Victoria Cemetery. Dr. Bragg's practice coexisted at the same time of Dr. Folsom. They lived about 200 yards from

each other in the center of Victoria but maintained separate practices. Dr. Bragg later moved his practice to Elba where he died in 1955 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery. A Dr. William F. Johnston is noted in the 1860 Coffee County Census in the Buzbeville/Victoria Precinct. We know little of his family background other than census data. It is believed that his practice was in the New Hope Community. It should be noted that Dr. W. H. Crook had a son (Dr. W. R. Crook, now deceased) and a grandson (Dr. Donald Crook) who practiced medicine in Elba for many years. Dr. Donald Crook is now retired and living in Elba.

The Victoria Community has been well represented by its patriots sons during the Civil War, World War I, II, the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. All have served with honor, many that served did not survive, others returned with disabling injuries.

Victoria survives today as a thriving community with descendants of many of the early pioneer families still living there. They are joined by a younger generation of families drawn to the area by industry and the large military installation, Ft. Rucker. What was for many years a farming community is today composed of families living in the country but working in the various cities of Coffee County. It is, however, the early pioneers whom we wish to salute as hard working men of character, farming families who labored with diligence, perseverance and tenacity under difficult circumstances to build a great community. To those that made this possible, We Thank You!

NOTICE

The Coffee County Veterans Affairs Office will be closed beginning Aug. 30 (Yesterday) for several days due to the service officer having minor surgery. For information on a VA Claim, call the VA Regional Office at 1-800-827-1000. In case of medical emergency, call 1-800-214-8387. This will connect you with either Montgomery or Tuskegee VA Hospital.

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Elba Chamber of Commerce plans annual banquet for Sept. 28 at EHS

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on the evening of Sept. 28. The Elba High School commons area will be the site of the banquet, and it is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. This year's banquet will feature an awards ceremony for those businesses and individuals that have gone the extra mile to make Elba shine. The business of the year, chamber member of the year and volunteer of the year are a few of the awards that will be given at the ceremony. Also during the banquet, the chamber will present a video featuring three businesses that demonstrate the work ethic that the chamber tries to encourage and support.

One highlight of the banquet this year will be the door prizes that will be given away. Prizes will include an electric grill, a weekend getaway at Orange Beach, Ala. and other prizes. However, the winner must be present to be awarded the prize.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to mark the calendars now and plan to attend this year's banquet. Dress for the event is casual.

Local student on President's List at WCC in Eufaula

Cynthia Cronk of Elba was named to the President's List at Wallace Community College's Sparks Campus in Eufaula for Summer Term 2000.

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Michele Farris

Michele Farris awarded scholarship

Michele R. Farris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Farris of Elba, was recently awarded the Alabama Veterinary Technician Association Scholarship for 2000-01 during Honors' Day at Snead State Community College in Boaz, Ala. The scholarship is awarded to veterinary technology students who exhibit leadership, earn exemplary grades and participate in extracurricular veterinary technology activities. The Veterinary Technology Program at Snead State Community College is the only American Veterinary Medical Association accredited program of its kind in Alabama. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, students are awarded the Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology and are eligible for licensure by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

Michele is a graduate of Elba High School and Enterprise State Junior College. She is a member of the North American Veterinary Technician Association and was recently elected as vice president of the Student Chapter for 2000-01. Michele also earned recognition on the Dean's List for the Fall 1999 Semester, the President's List for the Spring 2000 Semester and the National Dean's List for the 1999-2000 school year.

American Legion to hold regular meeting September 5th

The regular meeting of the American Legion Post 42 will be Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served for supper. Applications from two men who wish to be transferred to Post 42 will be looked at that night. All members are invited to attend as Post 42 would like to have all the information possible as to when the post was chartered and by any known vets.

Area students on MacArthur President's List

47 students maintained "A" averages during Summer Term 2000 at MacArthur State Technical College, qualifying them to be listed on the President's List. Local students achieving this mark were: Donnie Howell, Brantley, Jennifer Bryan and Mary Meyers, both of Elba; Kathryn Devine, Marshall Edwards, Shirley Keen and Gail Ludman, all of Kinross; and Brandon Lapointe, New Brockton. 54 students maintained a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 during the Summer Term 2000, qualifying them to be listed on the Dean's List. Local students being placed on this list were: Debra Manning, Brantley; Elizabeth Bryant, Leigh Davis, Sherry Harrison, Deirdre Horstead, Dora Hudson, Justin Mack and Clarissa Smith, all of Elba; Channin Grantham, Jack; Bobbie Hunt, Bobby Lolley and Jonathan Spears, all of Kinross; and Qnpsaudon Burrows, New Brockton.

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Festivities will include a country/bluegrass band, activities for children such as clowns, moonwalk, rides, etc., food (hamburgers and hotdogs), and opportunities to meet statewide and local candi-

dates. Invited officials include Gov. Don Siegelman, State Treasurer Lucy Baxley, State Auditor Susan Parker, Speaker of the House Seth Hammett, Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Bishop, State Representative Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley. Statewide candidates invited include Supreme Court candidates, Court of Civil Appeals candidates, Justice candidates, Court of Criminal

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Community News

Westbrook honored for completing county commissioner training

Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook was among those county commissioners honored recently for completing 120 hours of training from the Alabama Local Government Training Institute on the basic responsibilities of the county commission. The program emphasizes budgeting, personnel matters, planning and road and bridge responsibilities.

The officials were honored during the Awards Ceremony of the

72nd Annual Convention of the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama.

This unique educational program began ten years ago and in 1994 it was made mandatory for first time county commissioners. The education programs are supervised by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Local Government Training Institute (ALGTI), composed of county officials, educators and members of the Legislature.



Linda Westbrook

Westside Baptist Church to conduct The Good News Bible School

Westside Baptist Church will be conducting "The Good News Bible School" for Kindergarten through Sixth grade at Dan and Shirley Morrow's home Saturday, Sept. 9, starting at 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The group will leave the church at 8:50 a.m. and will return to the church at 1:15 p.m. Students are asked to wear their swim suit under a T-shirt and shorts, and bring a towel. For more information, call 897-6929.

Vietnam Veterans Chapter 373 will meet on Sept. 7

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 7 at the Clayhatchee Community House. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Veterans, family and public are invited.

ATTENTION:

The Elba Athletic Club is now taking memberships for the Black & Gold Club. Contact Pam Baker at Elba High School, Earl McCollough or any athletic club member.

Brunson attending advanced studies school

Rush Brunson, son of Jack and Jane Brunson of Elba, was among the more than 135 new students from across the state who started class Monday, Aug. 14, at the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science.

The school is a public, residential, tuition-free high school for

sophomores, juniors and seniors pursuing advanced studies in mathematics, science and technology. The school is accredited by the State of Alabama and is a member of the National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science and Technology.

Creagh to bring anti-drug message to TSU

At 6-7 and 355 pounds, Milton Creagh is a hard man to overlook. When he takes the stage to deliver one of his anti-drug abuse messages to students, Creagh is impossible to ignore.

Creagh, a nationally known motivational speaker, actor, author and recording artist, will speak at Troy State University Wednesday, Sept. 13, beginning at 7 p.m. at Trojan Arena. The event is sponsored by the TSU Department of Residence Life, the TSU Panhellenic Council, the TSU Inter-Fraternity Council, the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Troy City School System and the Charles Henderson High School PTO.

The event is free to the public. Dr. Henry Stewart, Dean of Library Services and one of the organizers of the event, said Creagh's message is one college students should hear.

"I have heard him speak on two other occasions, and he is the most powerful speaker I've ever heard," Stewart said. "We're encouraging all TSU students as well as members of

the general public to come hear him."

Creagh, who has spoken to more than eight million students during the past decade, is the former host of the Public Broadcasting Service series "Parenting Works!" Creagh's work has been the subject of segments on the Fox News Network, Black Entertainment Television, Turner Broadcasting Network's "Praise the Lord."

Creagh produced and starred in a Covenant Award-winning production called "Masquerade: Unveiling our Deadly Dance with Drugs and Alcohol." He has also been featured in three nationally syndicated television specials: "Trap: Selling Drugs in the Inner City," "Prejudice: Dividing the Dream" and "Diversity in the USA."

Creagh has worked with such notable names in sports, entertainment and politics as former U.S. President Gerald Ford, heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield, recording artist MC Hammer and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.



UNITED WAY KICK OFF was held last Friday at the National Security Conference Center. Leading the event was United Way Chairperson Donna McCormick-Morris and Campaign Chairperson Doug Wynn. They announced the \$250,000 fund raising goal for year 2000 has been jump started with 16% pledged from the Pace-makers group. Wynn expressed appreciation to county businesses who make the "loaned executive" program possible. He stressed that this is one of the secrets for the success of the Coffee County United Way. It helps executives grow in their experiences and helps the United Way reach into all segments of Coffee County.



A ROOM FULL of United Way supporters were on hand Friday to enjoy the noon meal and lend their support to the kick-off of the annual charity fund raising event.



ELBA FOLKS TURNED OUT in large numbers at noon last Friday to enjoy the chicken dinner and continue their support of fund raising through the Coffee County United Way. The annual kick-off was held in Elba for the first time when National Security Insurance made their new conference center available for the affair.

PUBLIC NOTICE DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING PROJECT NO. NHF-333(7) COFFEE AND COVINGTON COUNTIES

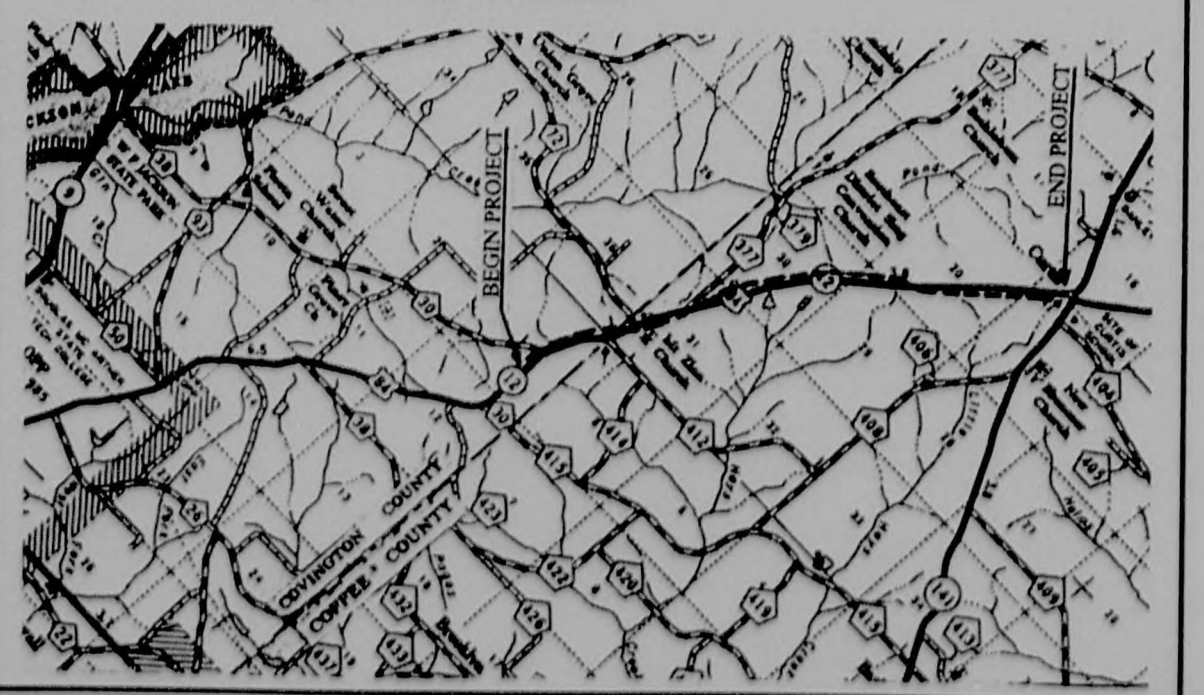
The Alabama Department of Transportation will hold a Design Public Hearing for Project No. NHF-333(7), Coffee and Covington Counties, on **September 14, 2000 between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. at the Elba High School Auditorium located at 371 Tiger Drive in Elba.** This project concerns the four-laning of US-84 from CR-30 in Covington County to a point near SR-141 at Curtis in Coffee County.

A formal presentation will not be made. Accordingly, interested citizens can schedule their attendance at their convenience during the above-stated hours. Citizens attending this meeting will be provided project information (including the impact on adjacent properties) by viewing visual displays and through informal discussions with Department of Transportation personnel. Information regarding the Department of Transportation's Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Procedures will be available at the hearing.

The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to express comments about the project in an informal atmosphere through discussions with Department of Transportation personnel and/or in writing on the comment forms provided at the meeting. A recorder and stenographer will be available for anyone wishing to make a formal verbal comment about the project.

Persons with disabilities who may need special assistance should contact the Alabama Department of Transportation's Division Office, Highway 87 South, Troy, Alabama or call (334) 670-2452 at least one week in advance of the hearing.

Public attendance is urged and input is solicited.



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